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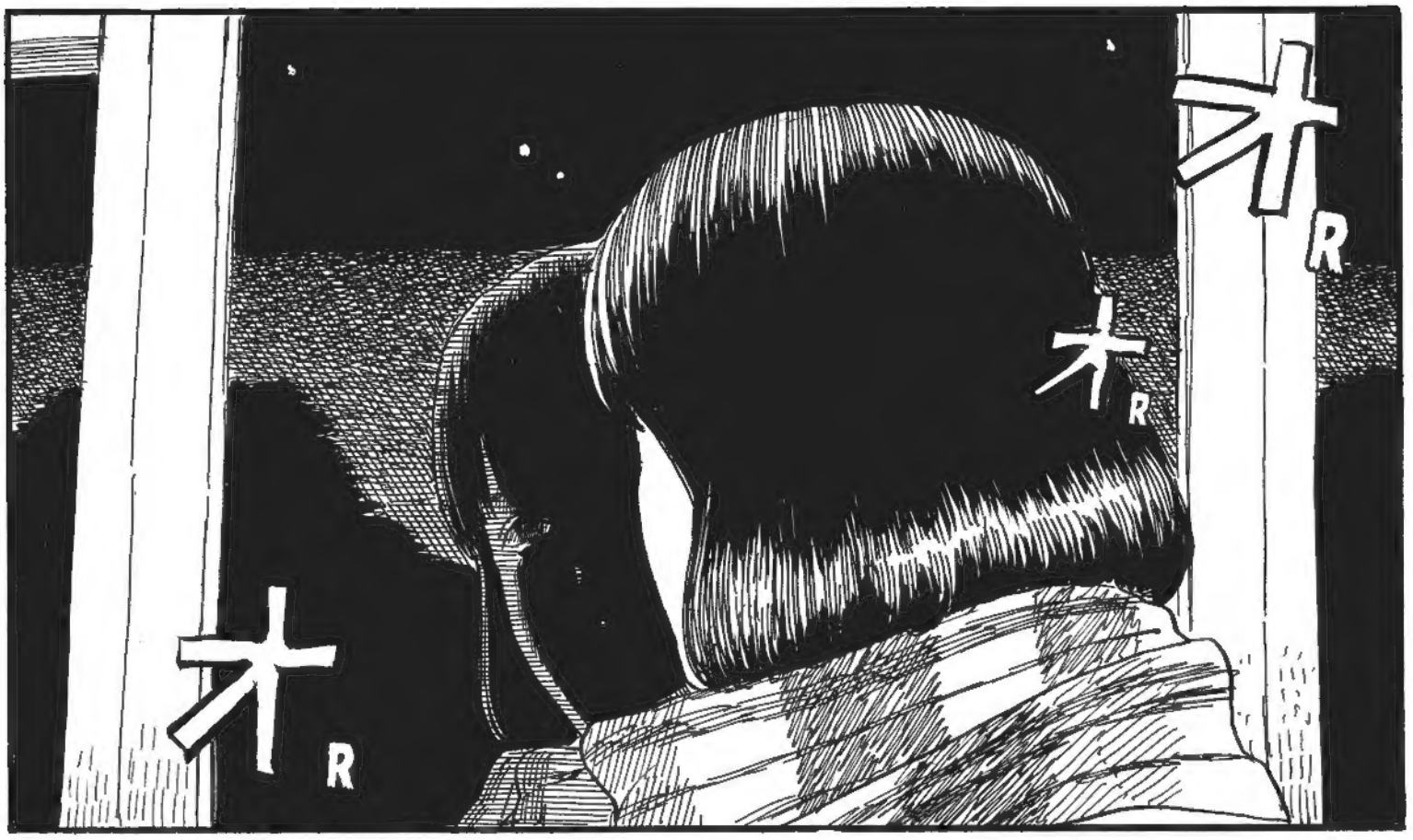
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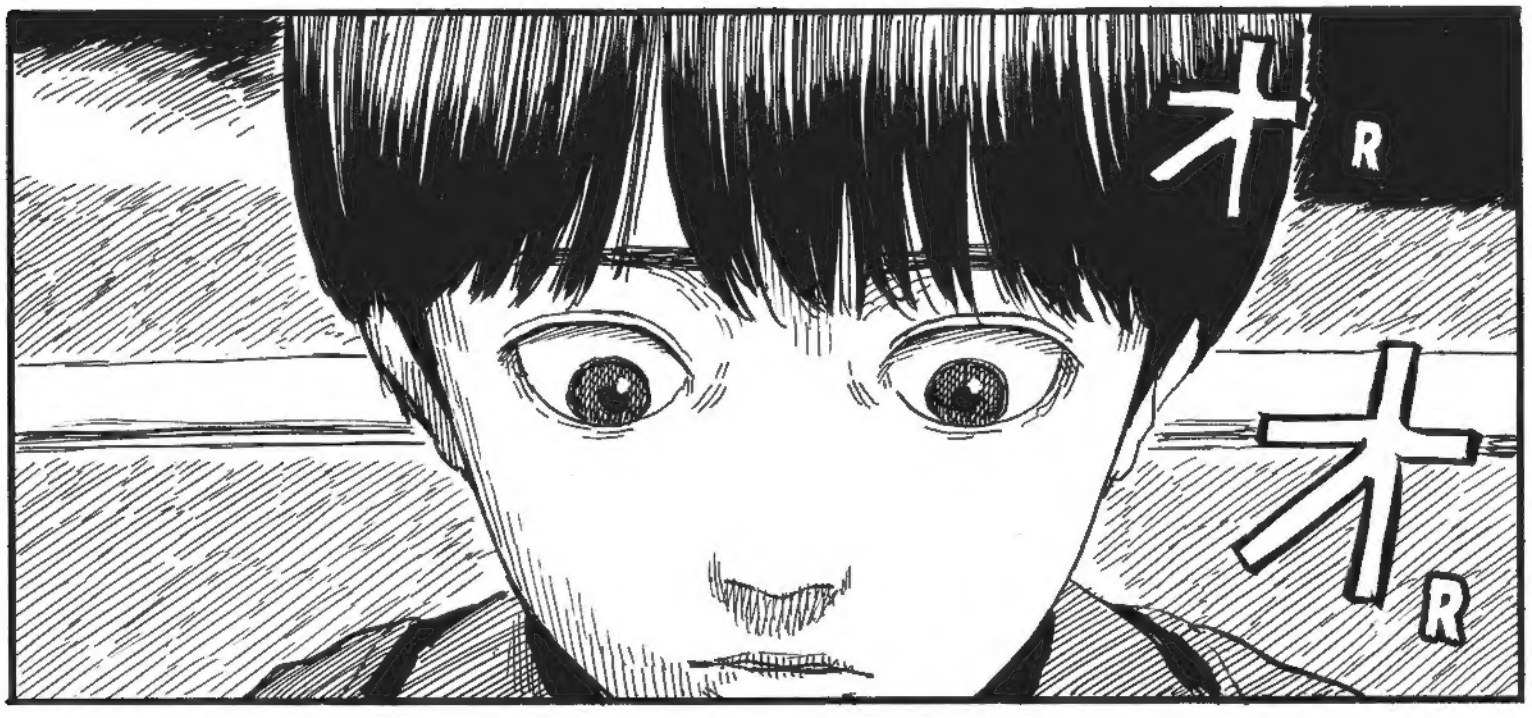
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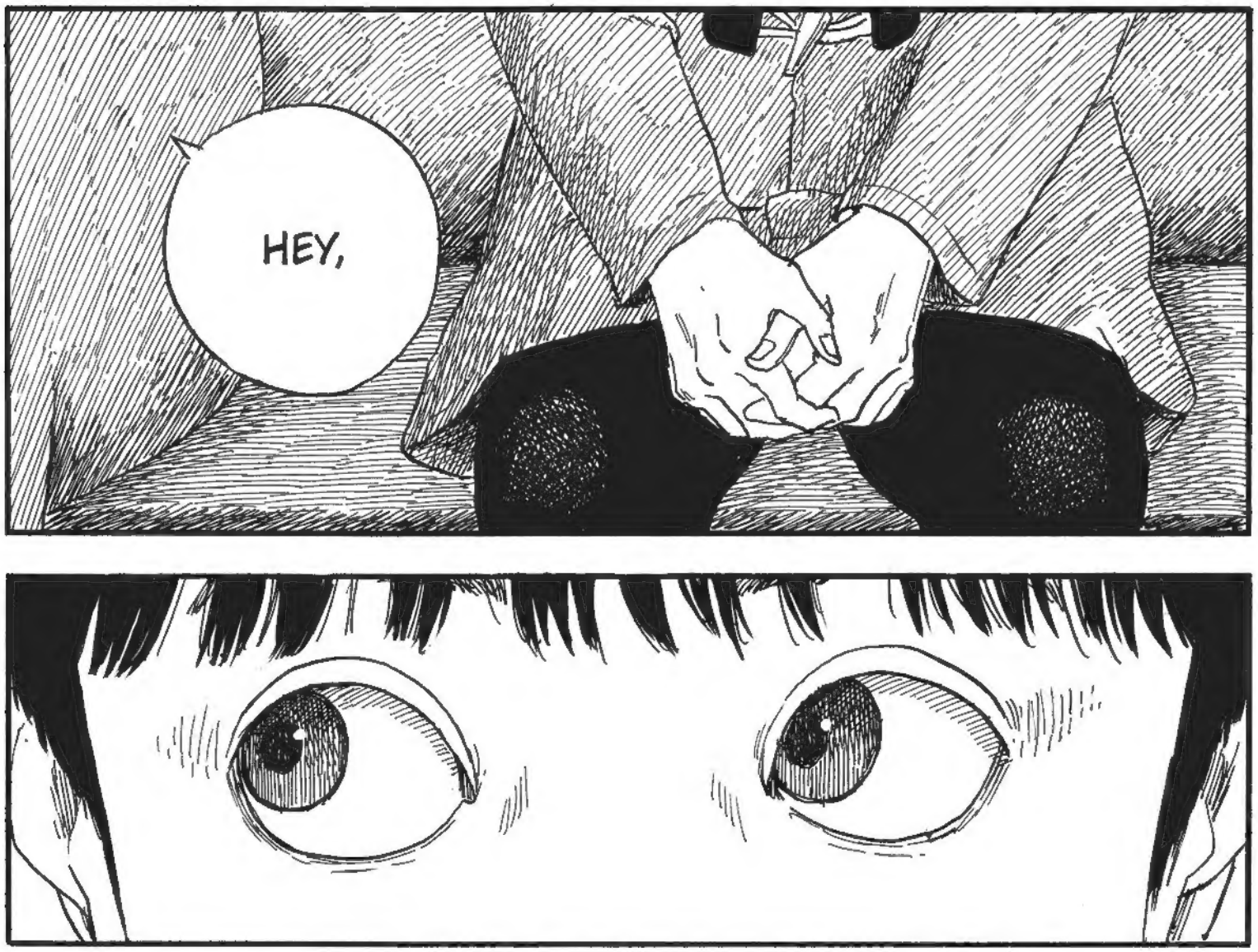
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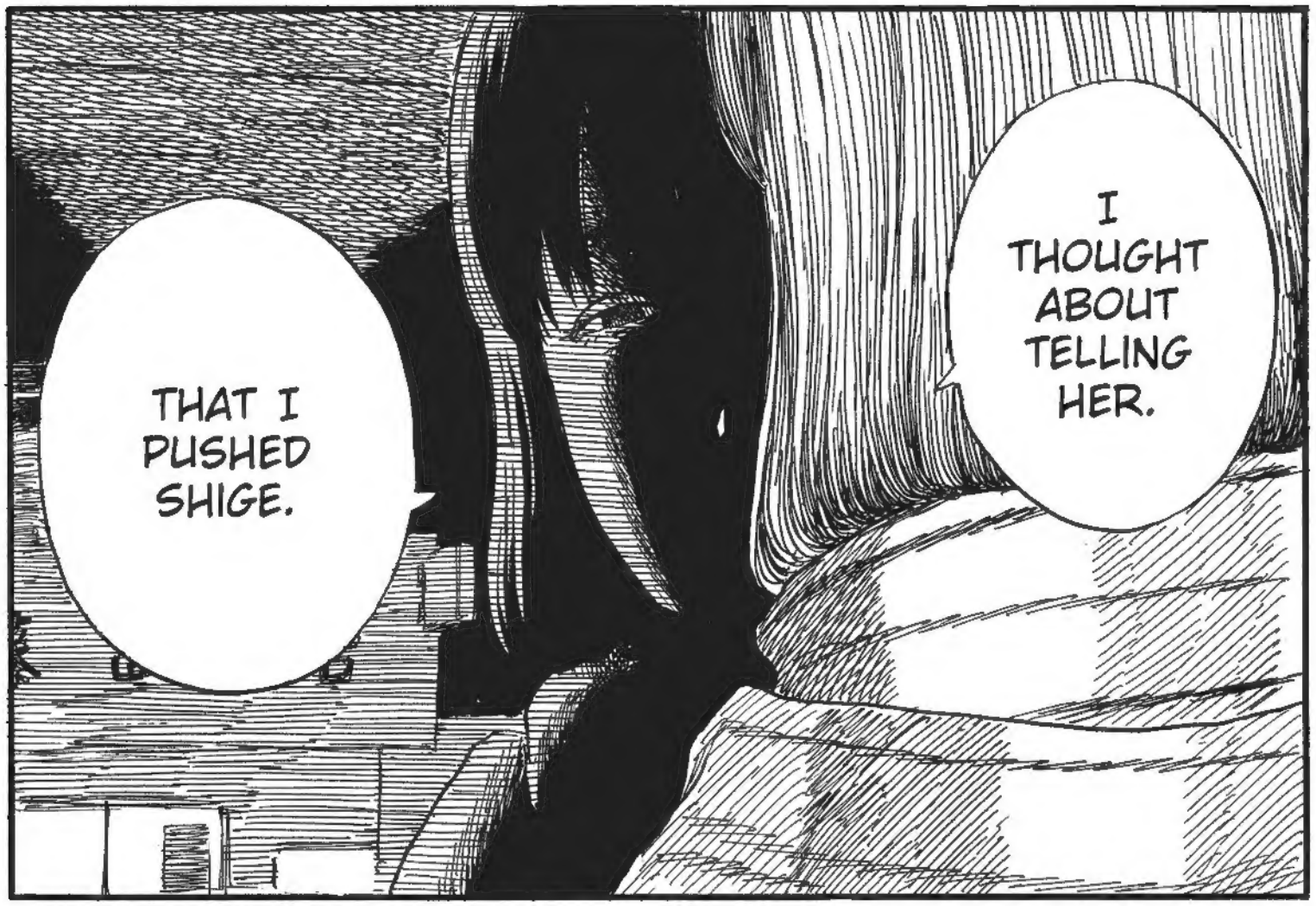
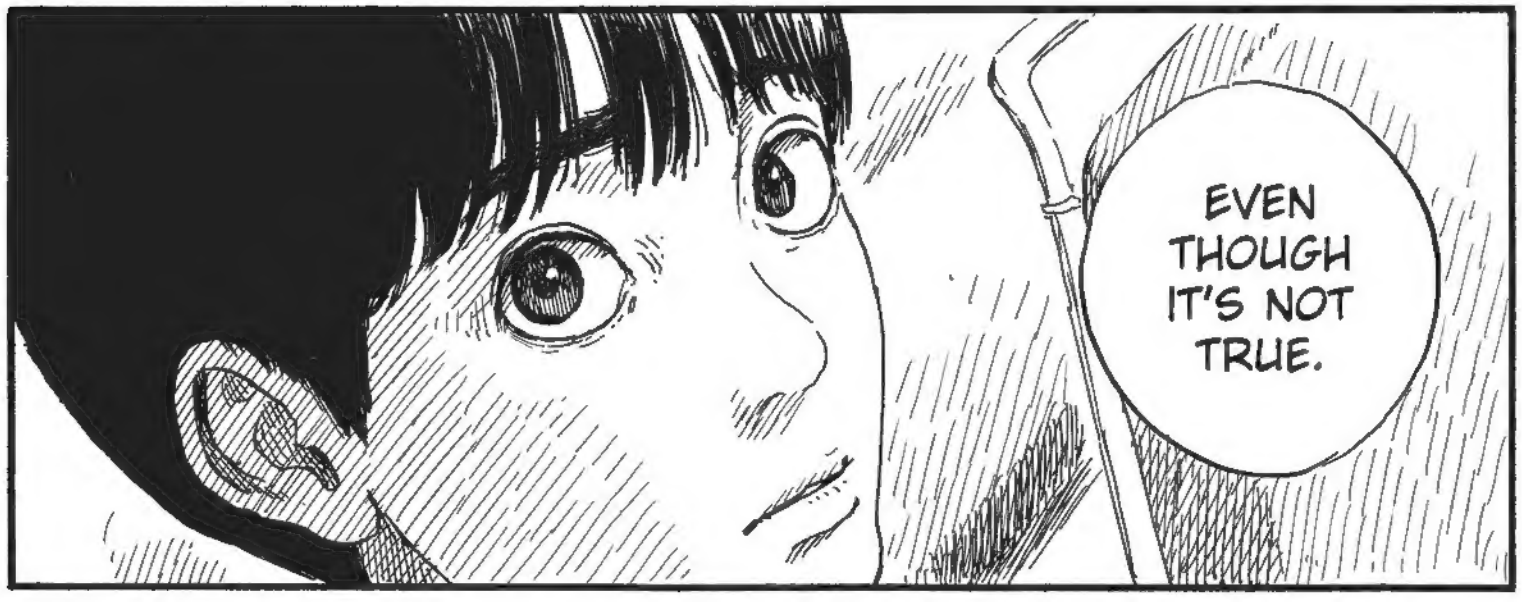
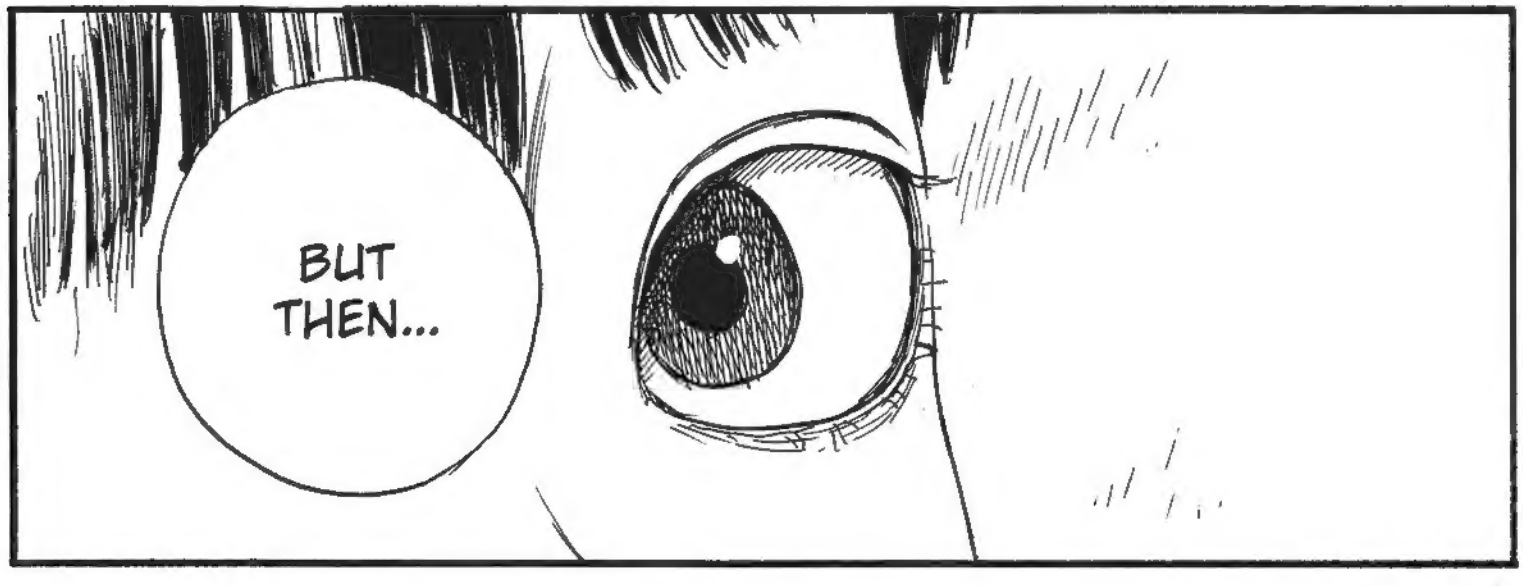
YOU KNOW...
SEI,


I THOUGHT ABOUT TELLING HER.
THAT I PUSHED SHIGE.


EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT TRUE.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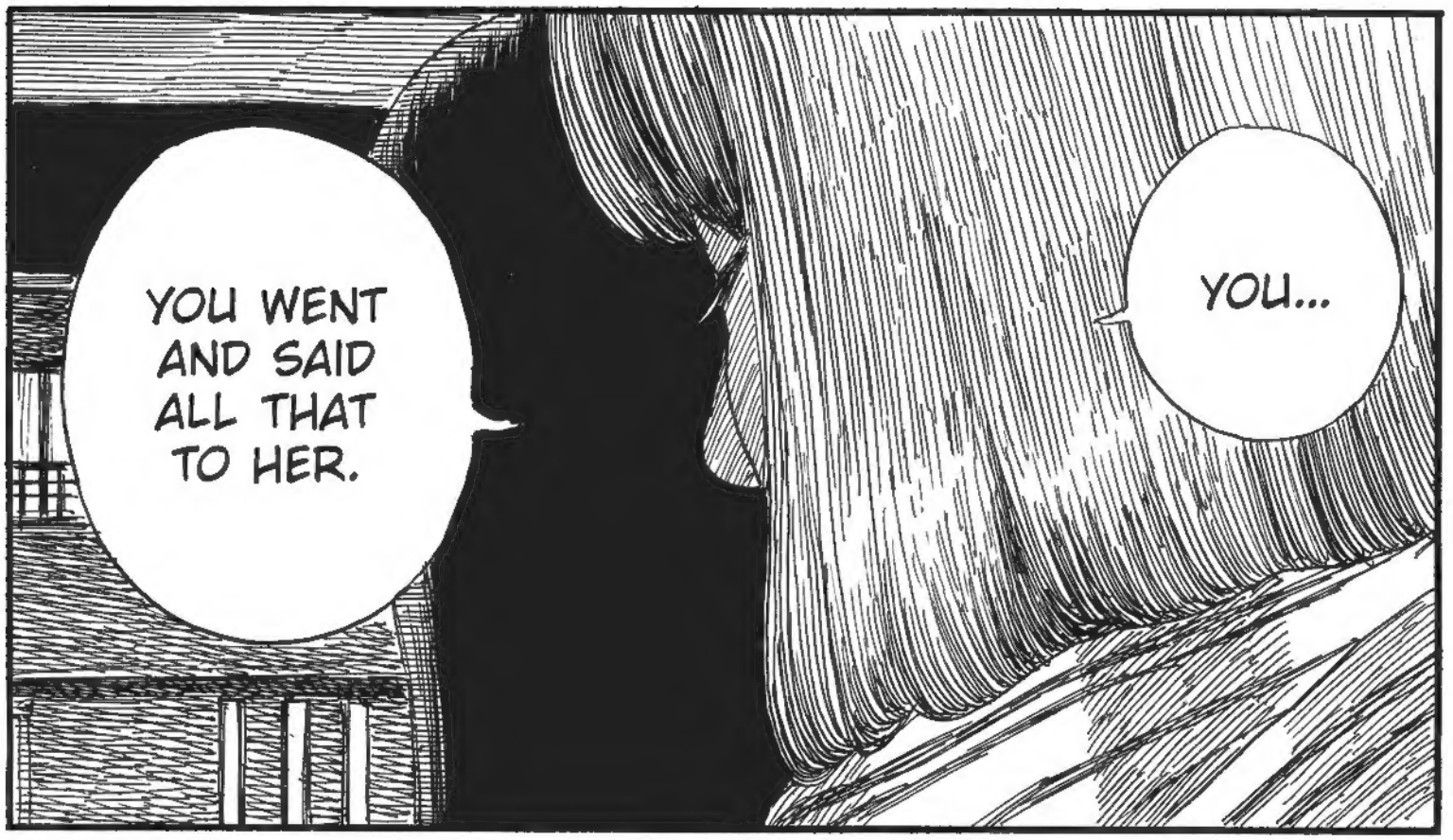
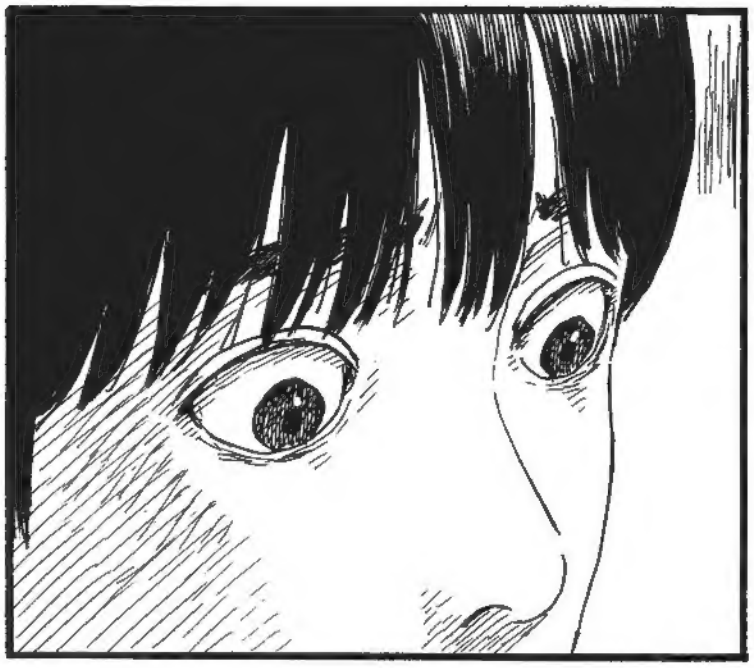
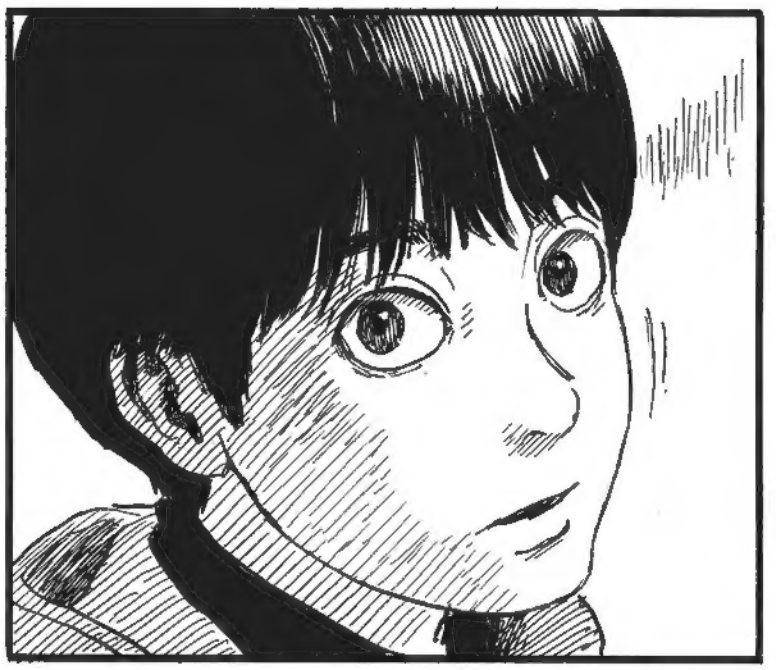
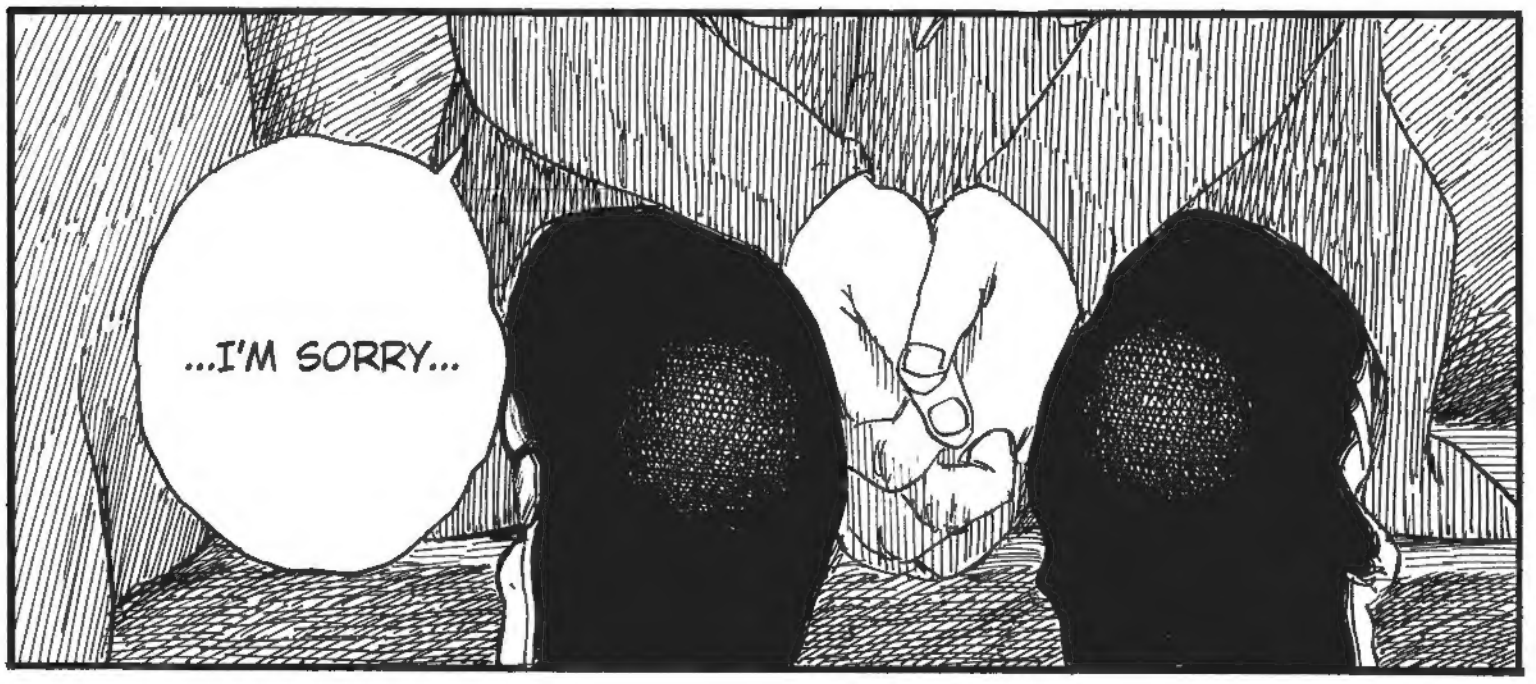
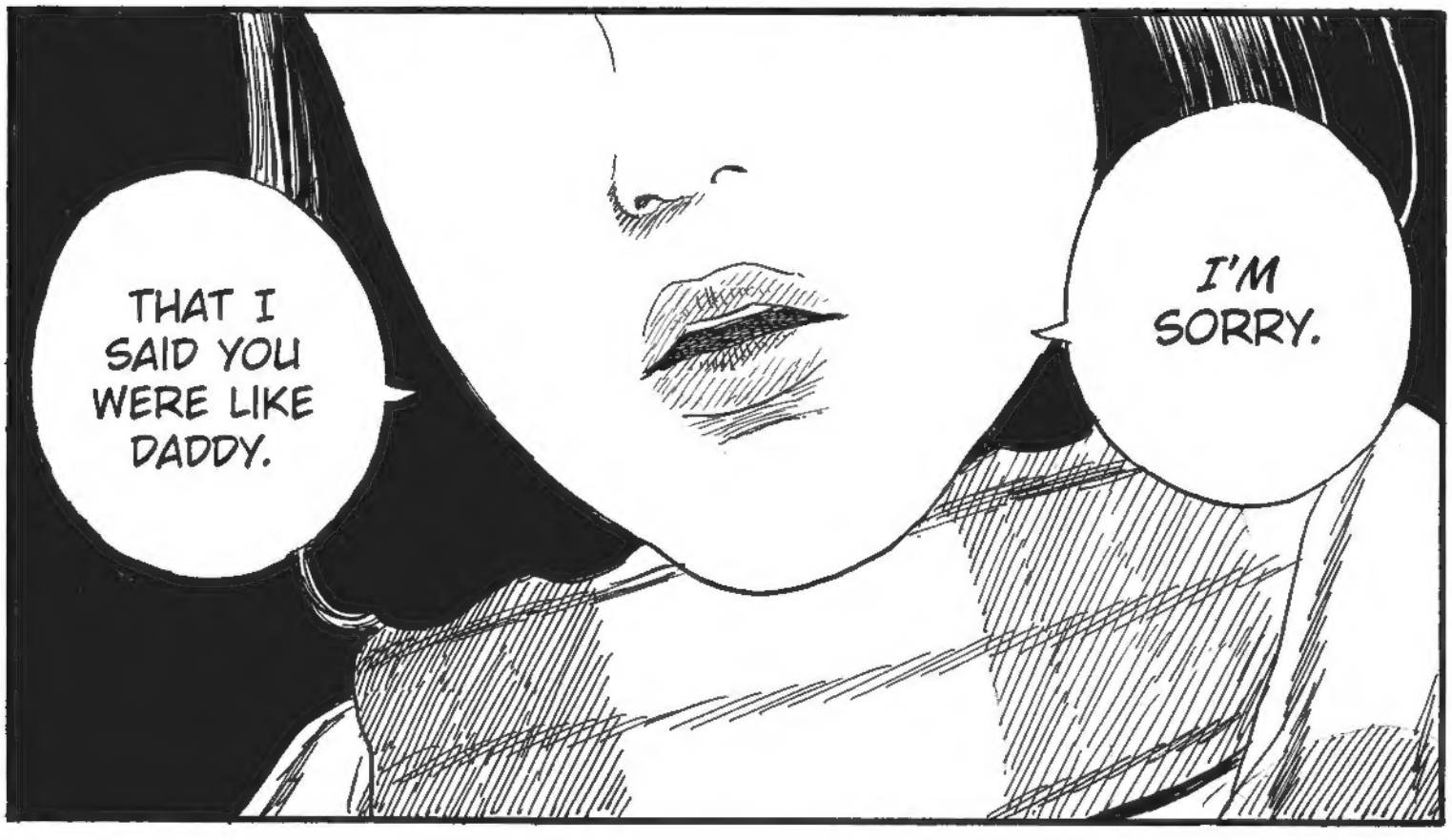

YOU WENT AND SAID ALL THAT TO HER.
YOU...

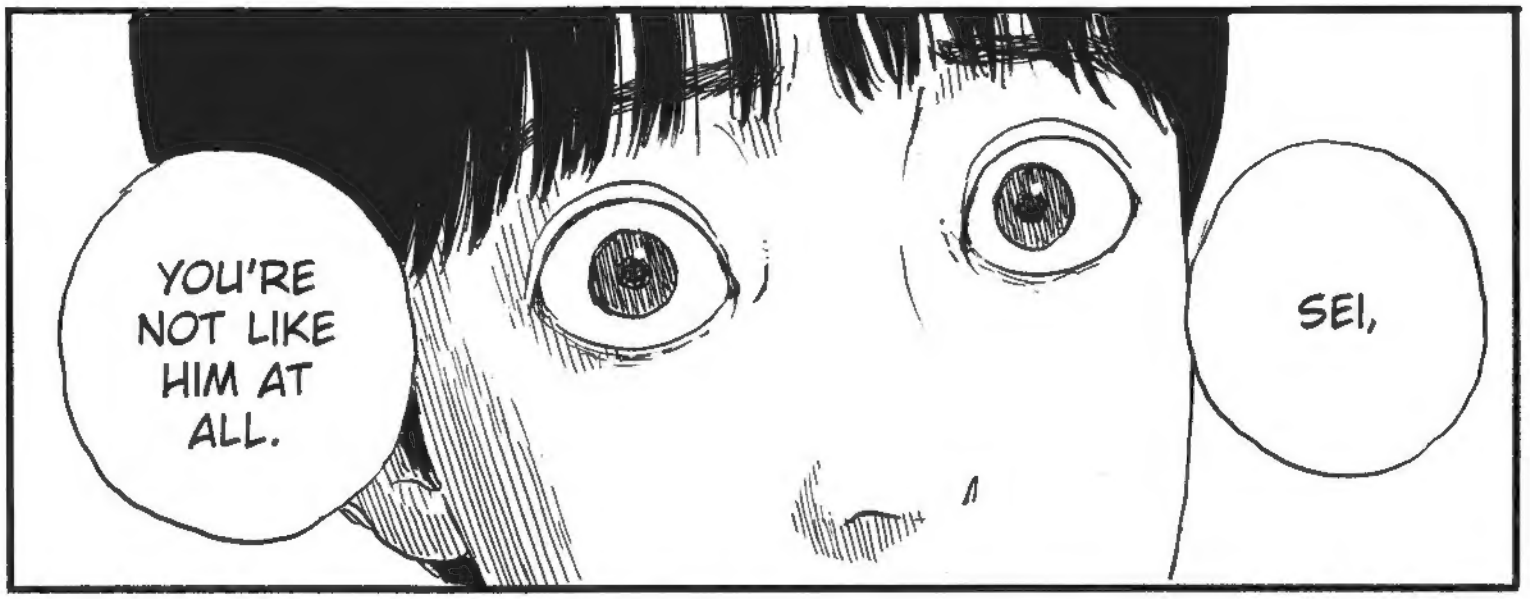





...I'M SORRY...

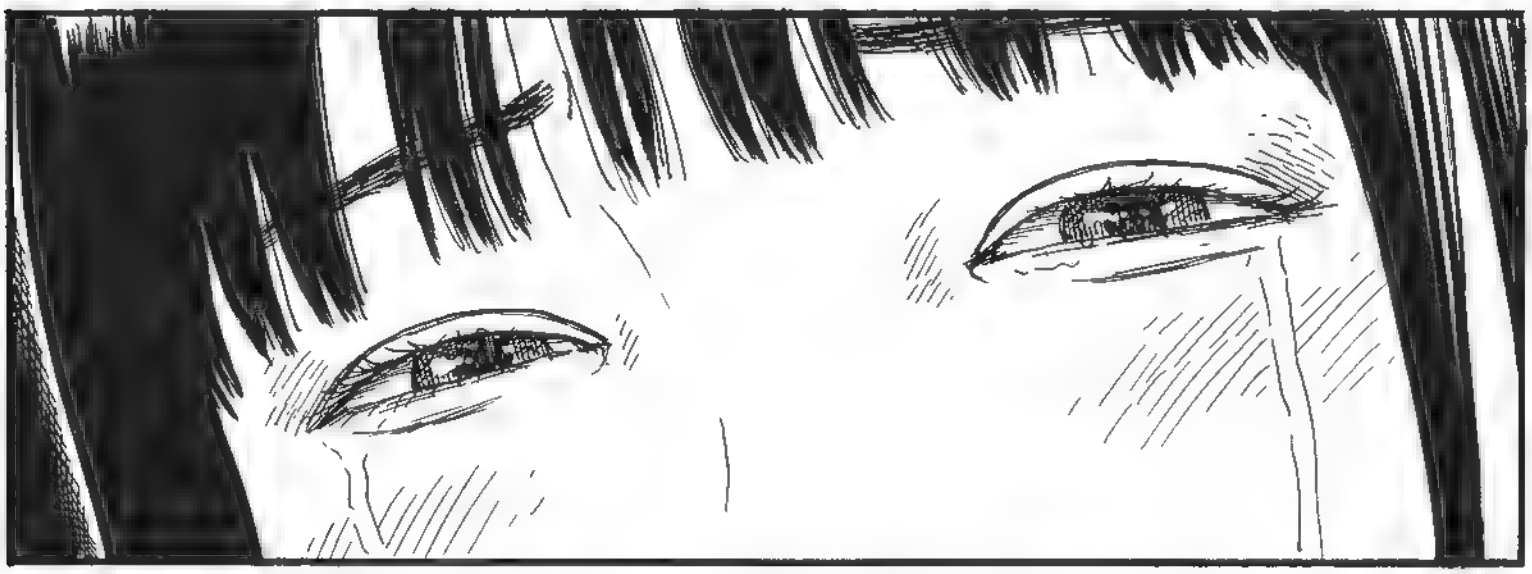
FOR WHAT?

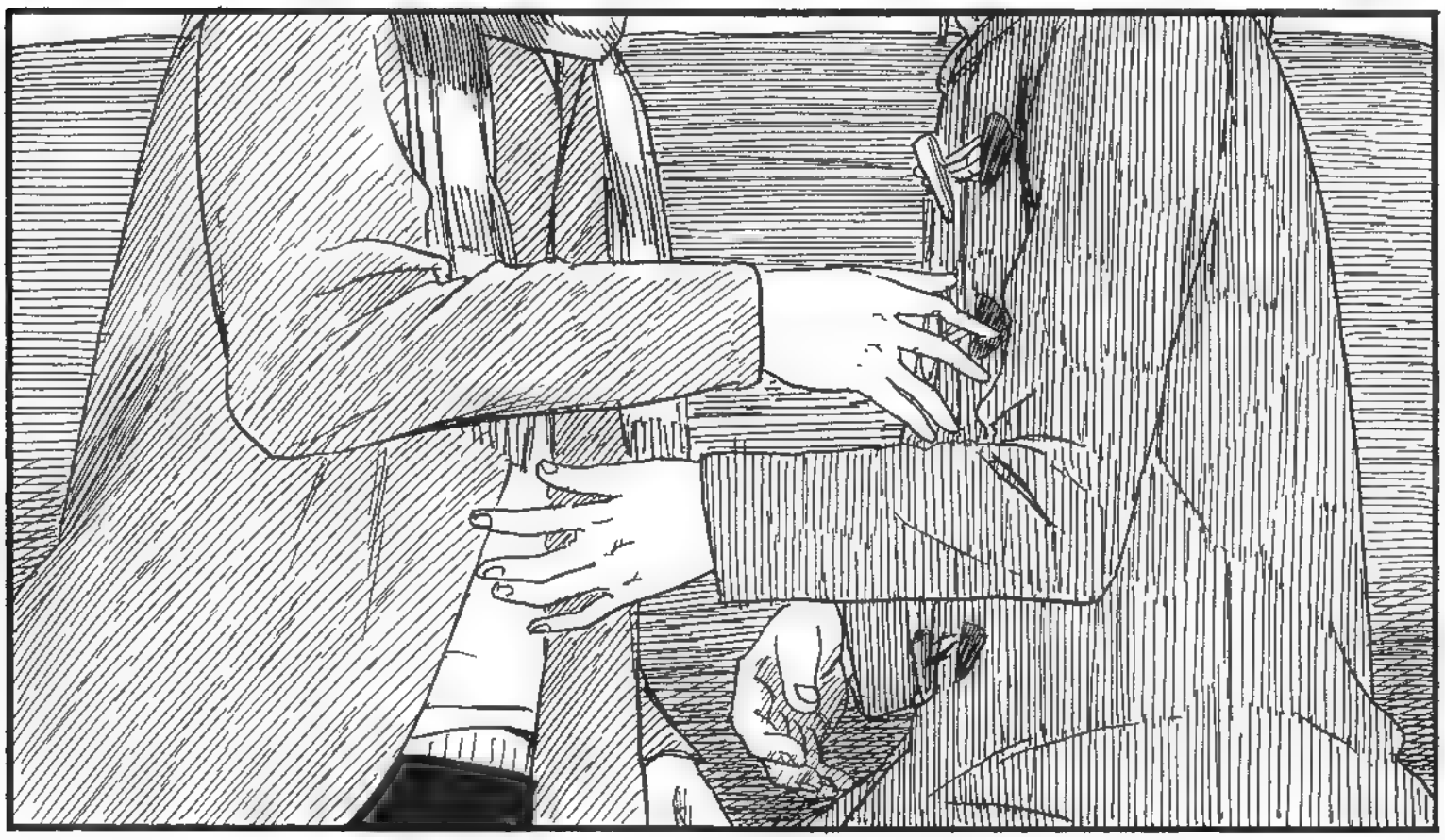

I'M SORRY.
THAT I SAID YOU WERE LIKE DADDY.


YOU'RE NOT LIKE HIM AT ALL.
SEI,

THANK YOU SO MUCH.
FOR TELLING THEM HOW I FELT.

IT MADE ME SO HAPPY.





SEI.

UH
HUH.

SEI.

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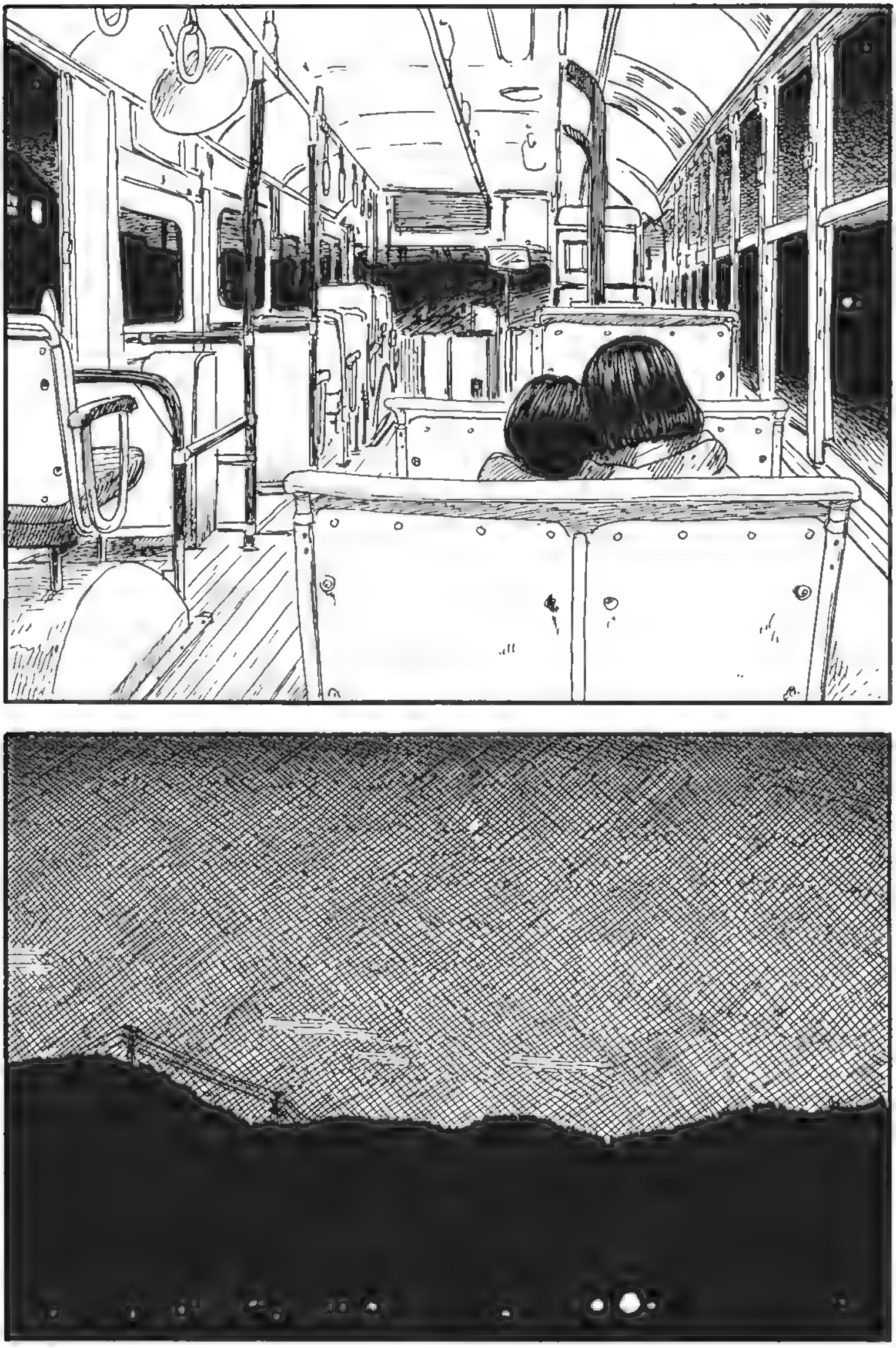
HUH.

MY SEIICHI...

UH HUH...



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SEIKO?
YOU HOME?

KREE

HELLOOO.

TEE HEE

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

TEEE HEE HEE

AH HA HA HA HA

BUT SHE SAID YOU'D ALREADY LEFT!

トン TUMP

トン TUMP

WHAT'S GOING ON?! I WENT TO PICK YOU UP AT MY SISTER'S,

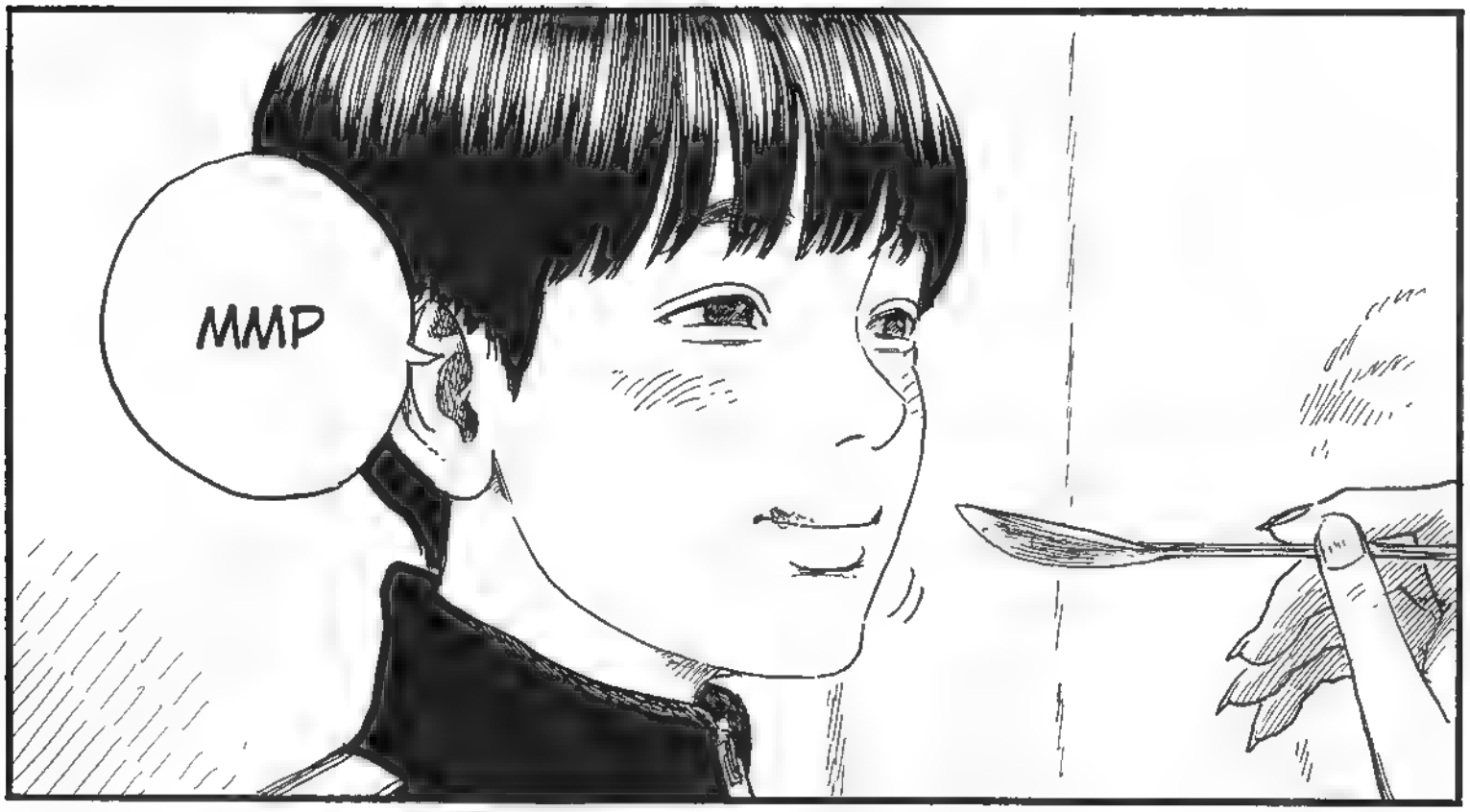
DID SOMETHING...

SHE SEEMED REALLY OFF!

WHAT'S THE STORY ?!

MMPH... MM-HMM!
HEE HEE HEE! IS IT GOOD?

OPEN WIIIDE.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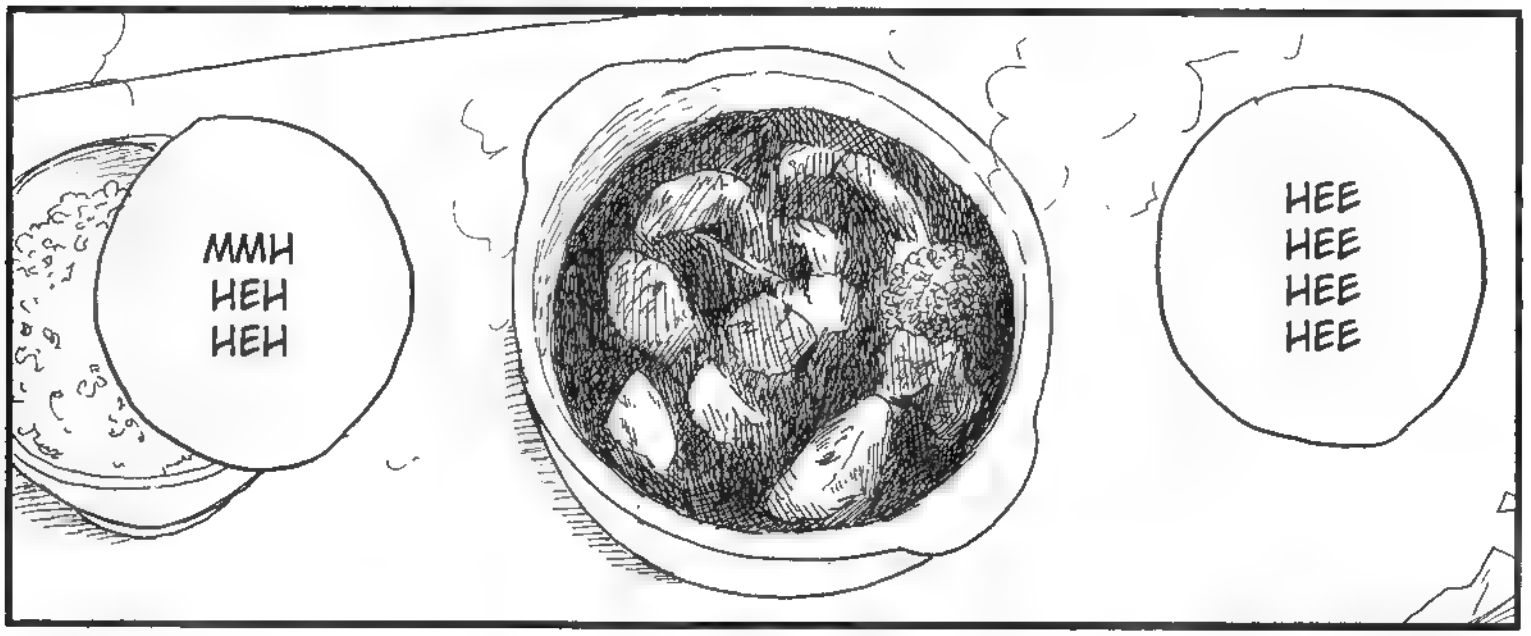
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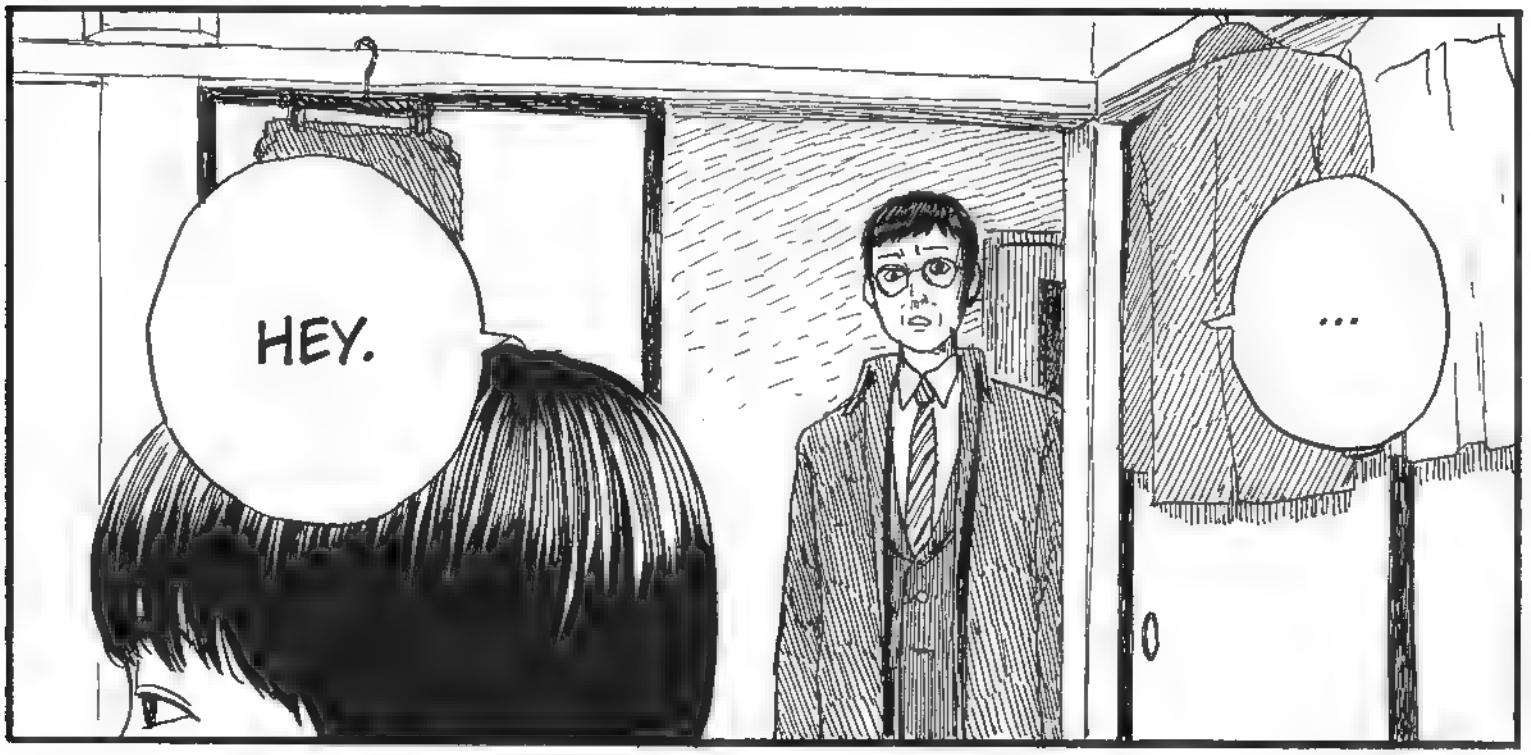
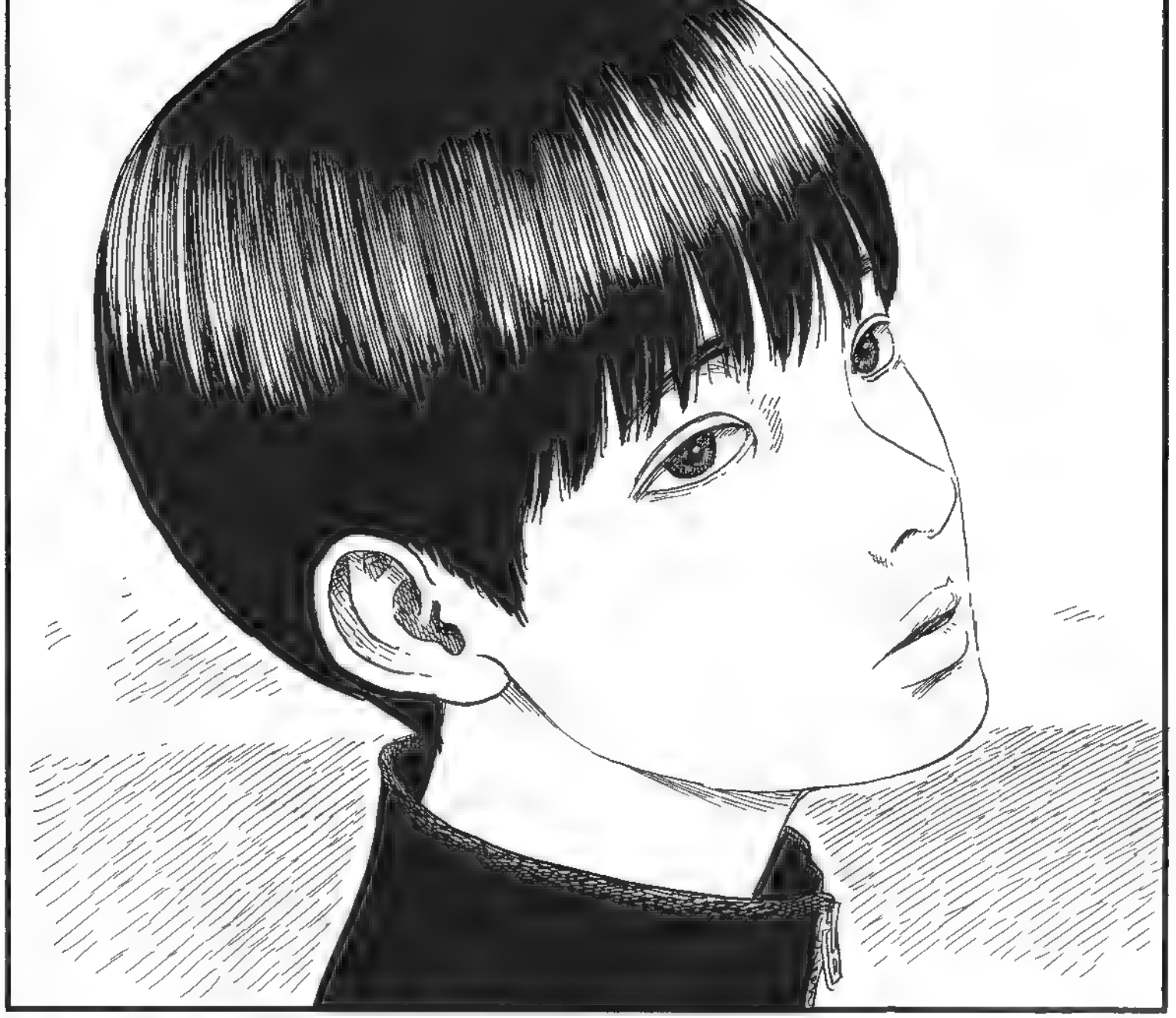

HEY.
...

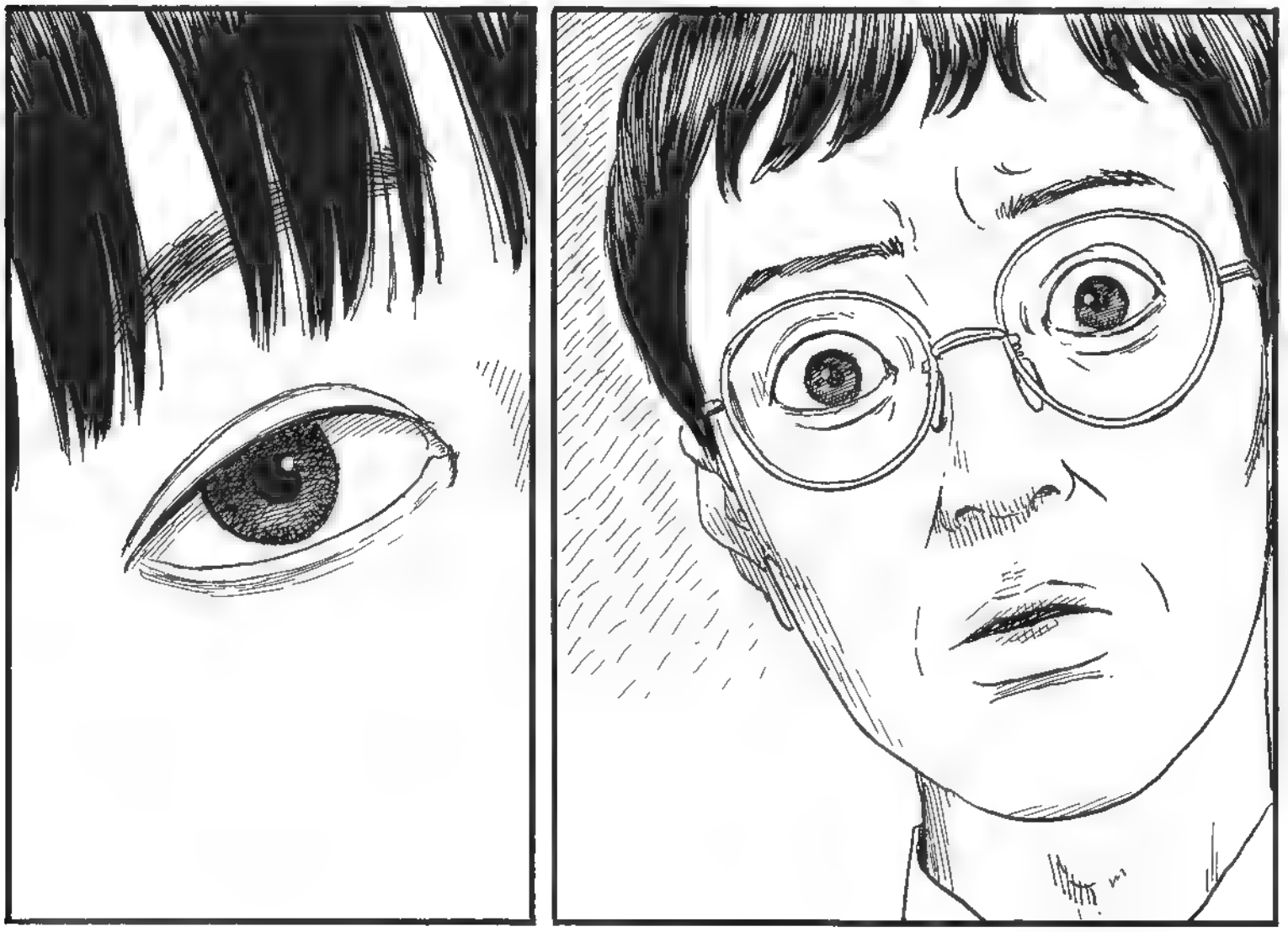
WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT FOR A DRINK OR SOMETHING ?

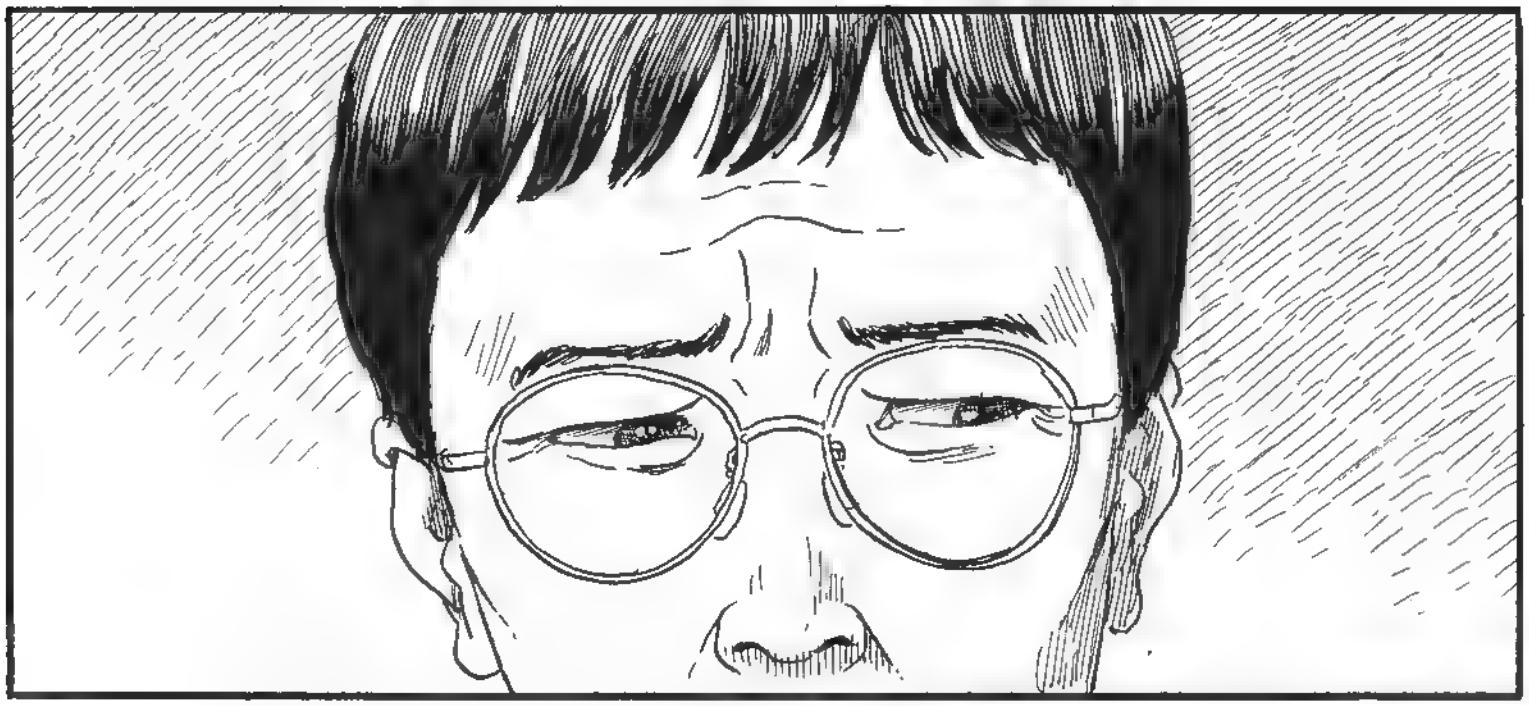
OH...

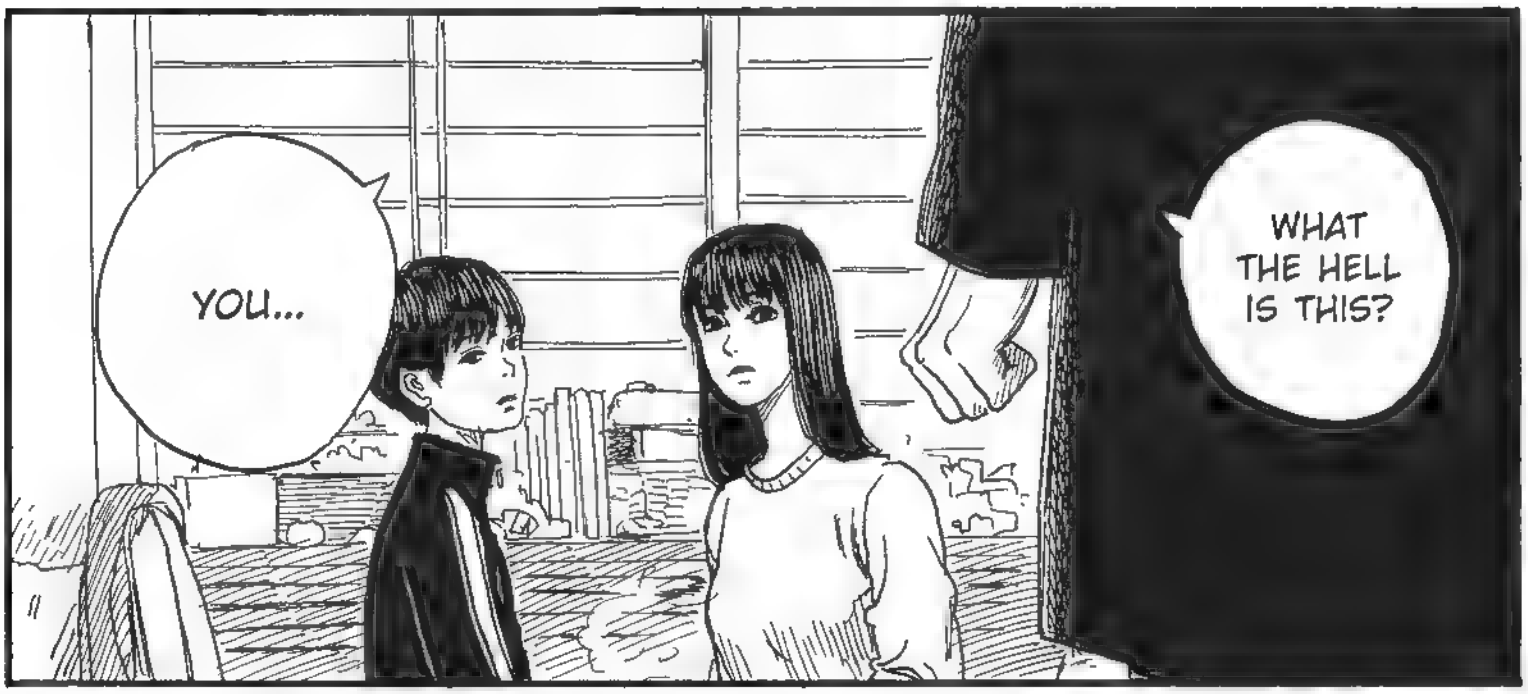
THERE ISN'T ANY FOR YOU.

HUH?

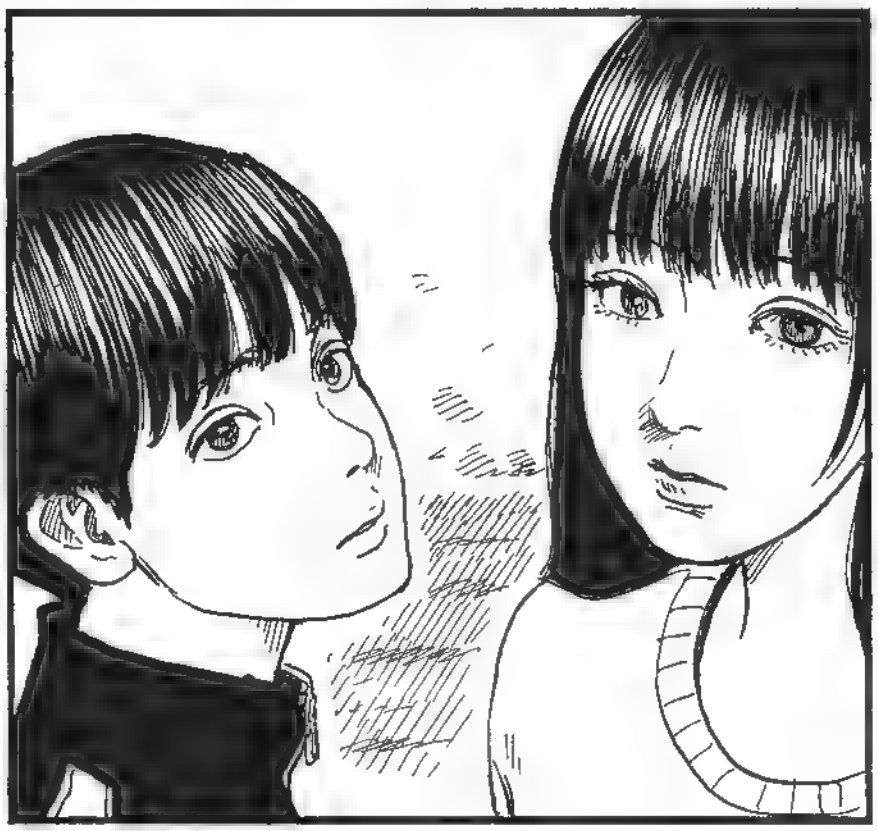







YOU...
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

I'VE... HAD IT.



I'VE HAD IT

WITH THIS FAMILY !!

どくん TUMP

どくん TUMP

どくん TUMP

SLAM

HEE
HEE
HEE

HEH

HA
HA
...

HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE

DADDY JUST UP AND LEFT? AH HA HA

WHAT WAS THAT ?

YEAH, HE JUST LEFT.

HA HA HA

AH
HA
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WHAT'S
HIS DEAL?
WHAT
A DUMMY!

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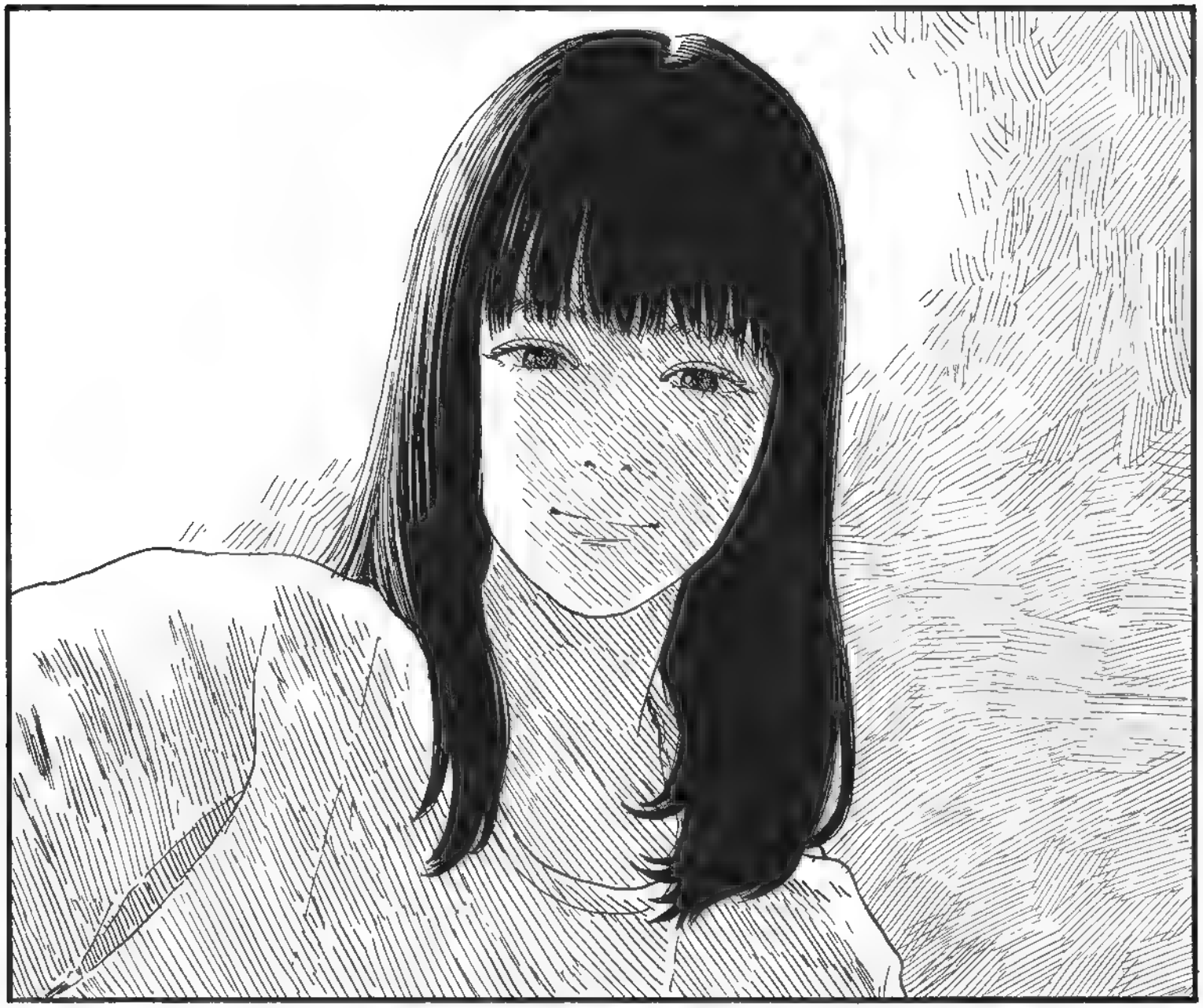
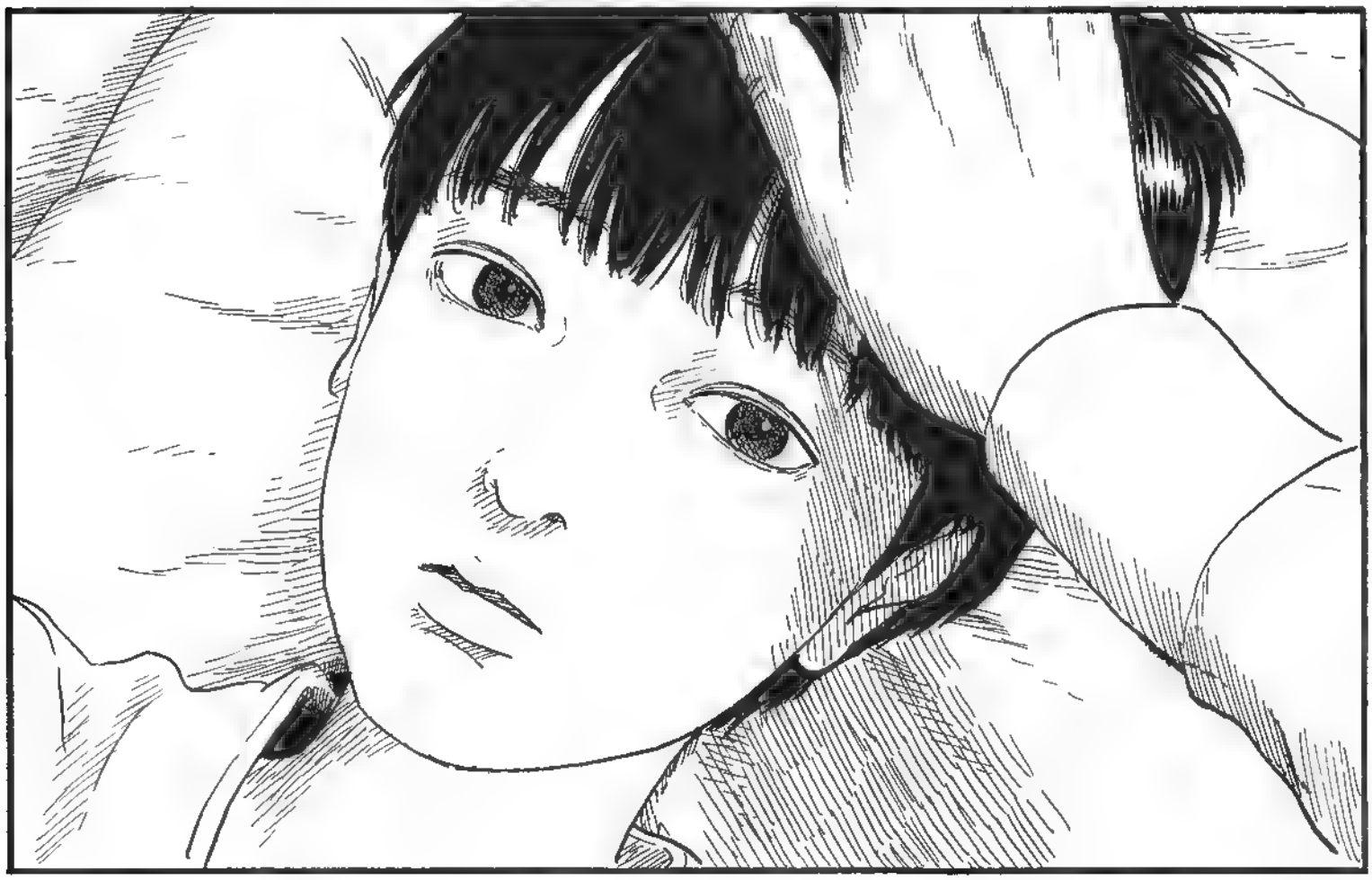
SEI.





GOOD MORNING.

SEI.

MORNING...

CREAK
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YOU'RE SO CUTE!

OHHH!

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR BREAKFAST ?

SEIII.

MOMMY WILL MAKE IT FOR YOU.

YOU CAN HAVE ANYTHING AT ALL.

A PORK BUN'S FINE...

...IT'S OKAY...

SQUEEZE

OH, YOUUU!

I KNOW.

HOW ABOUT A FRIED EGG?

SOUND GOOD?

DO YOU WANT THE YOLK HARD,

OR RUNNY?

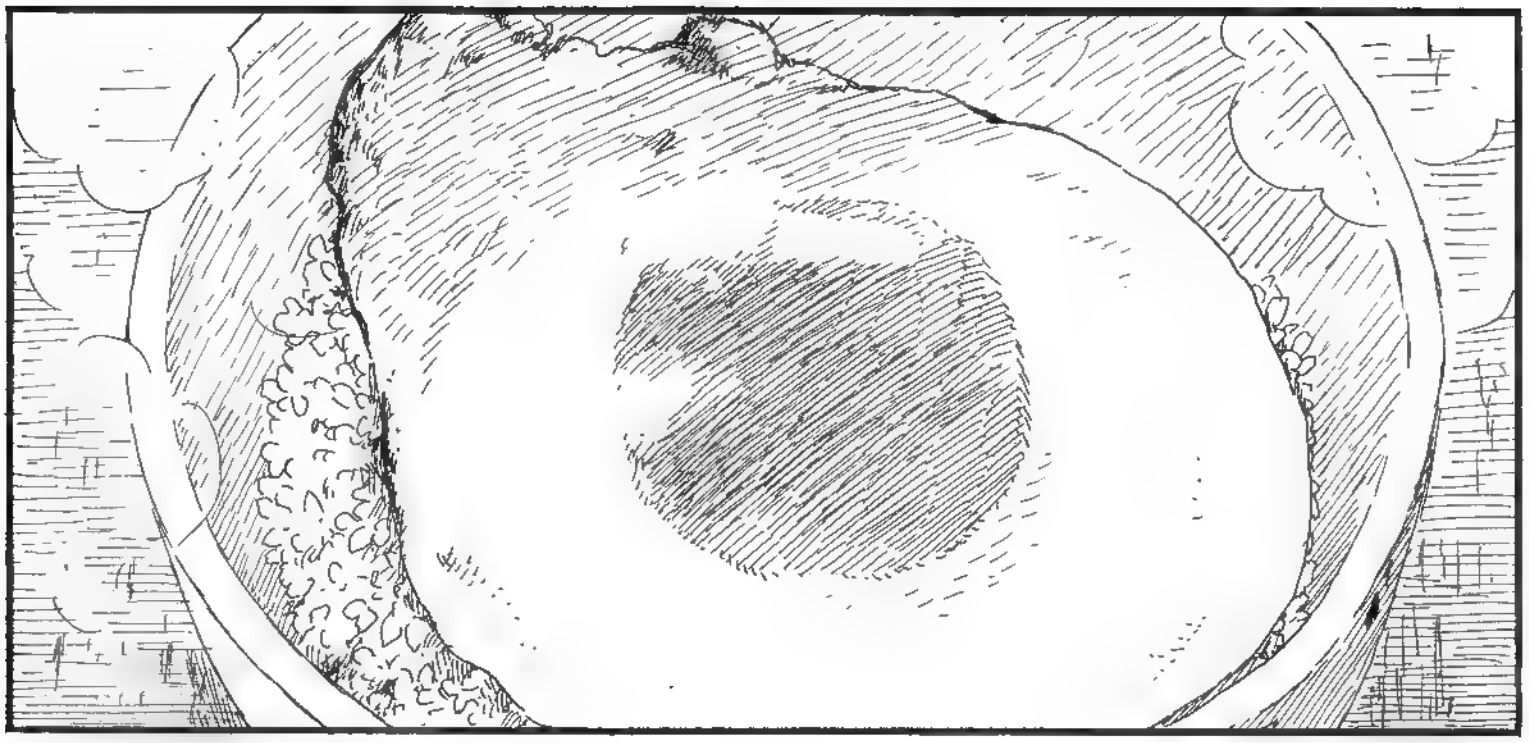
POKE

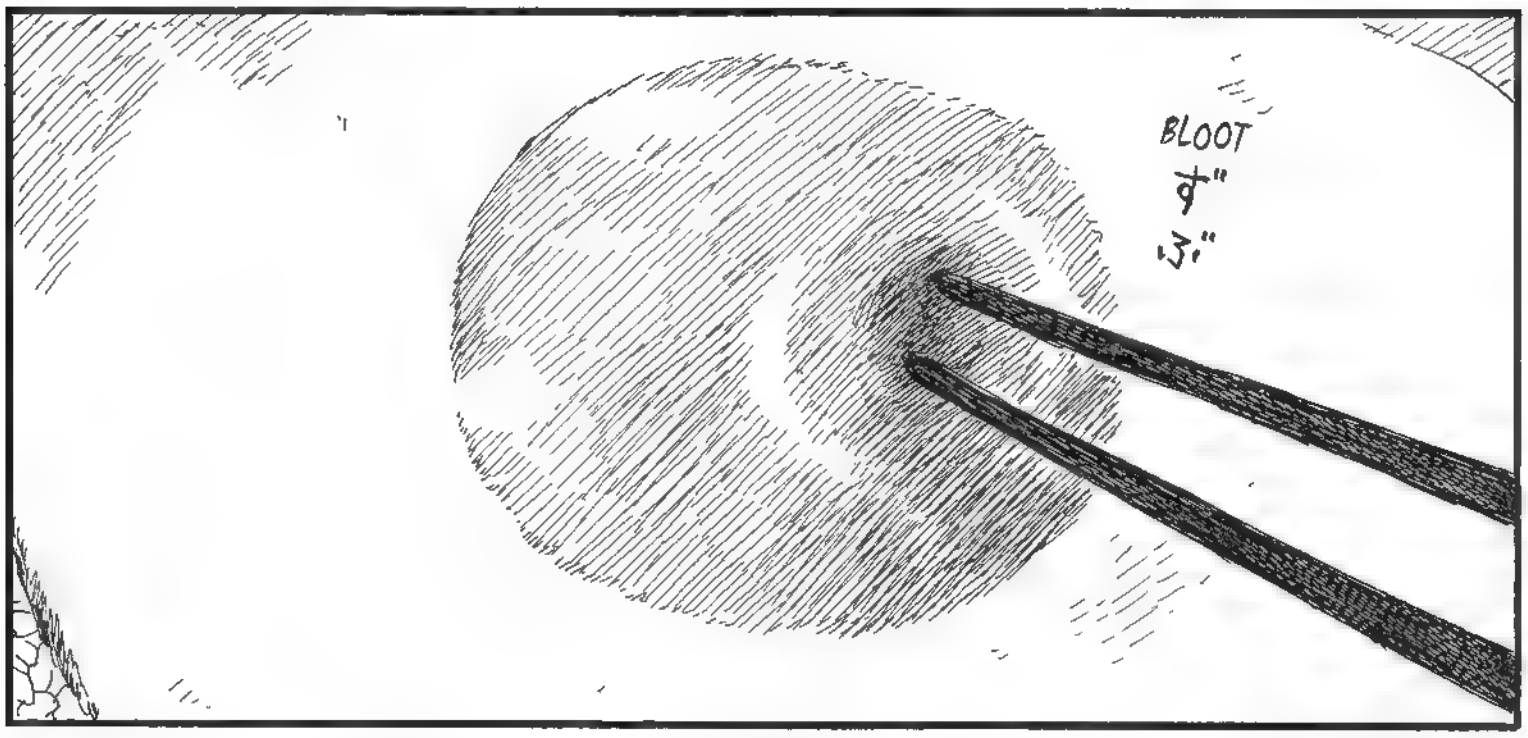
RUNNY...

...

TEE HEE

YOU GOT IT.

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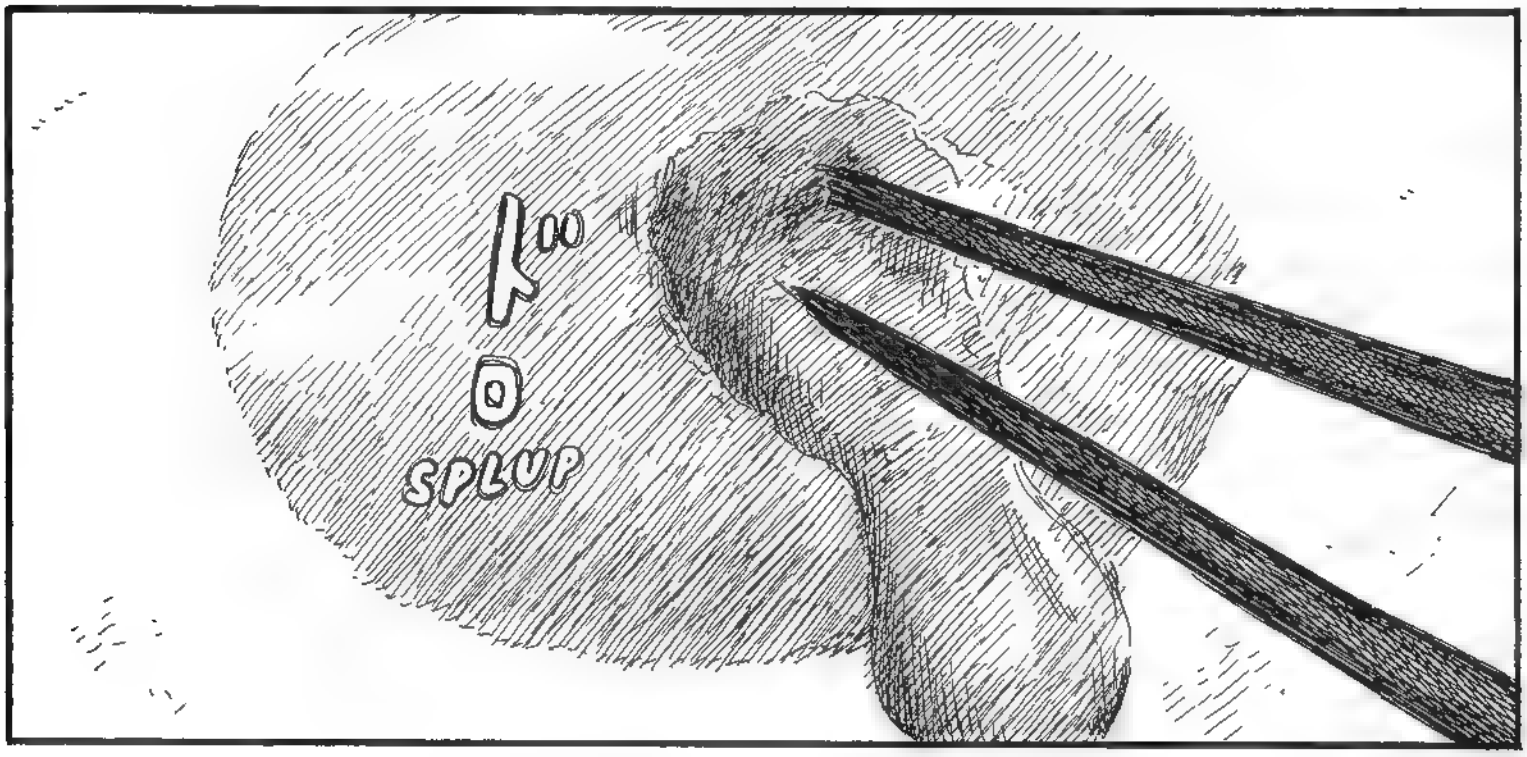
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SPLUP

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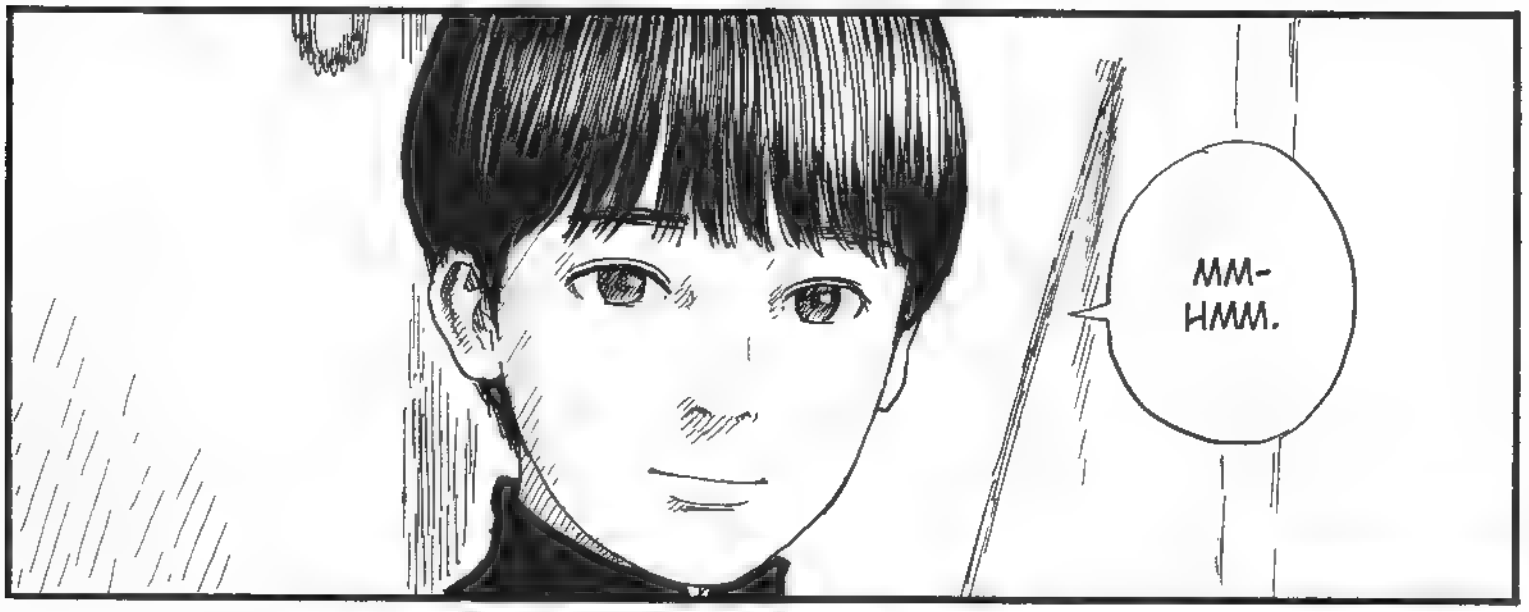
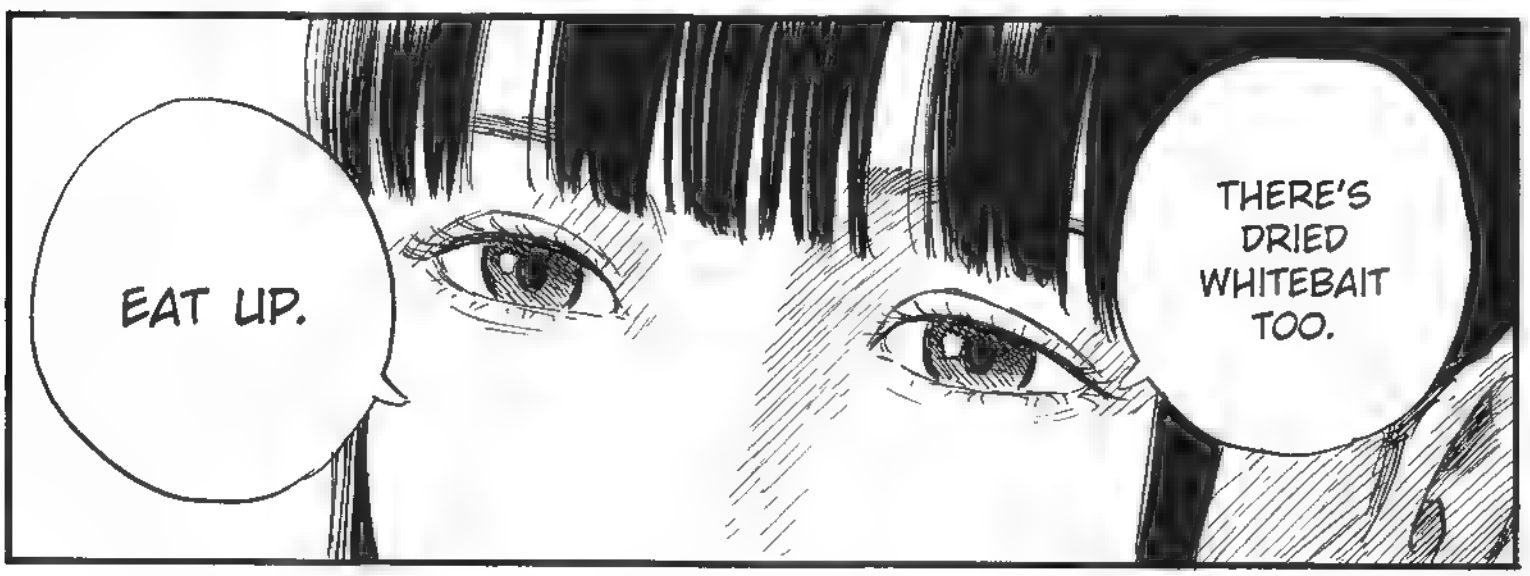
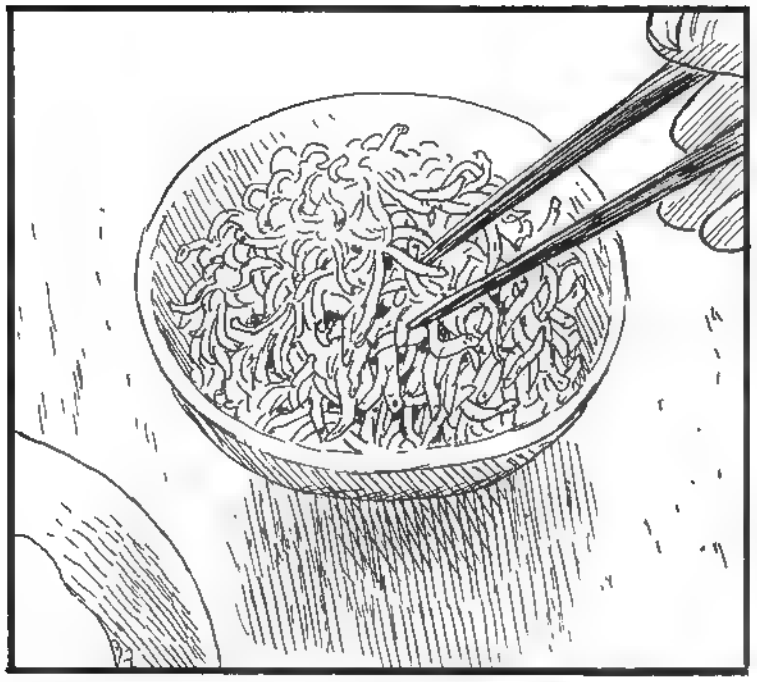
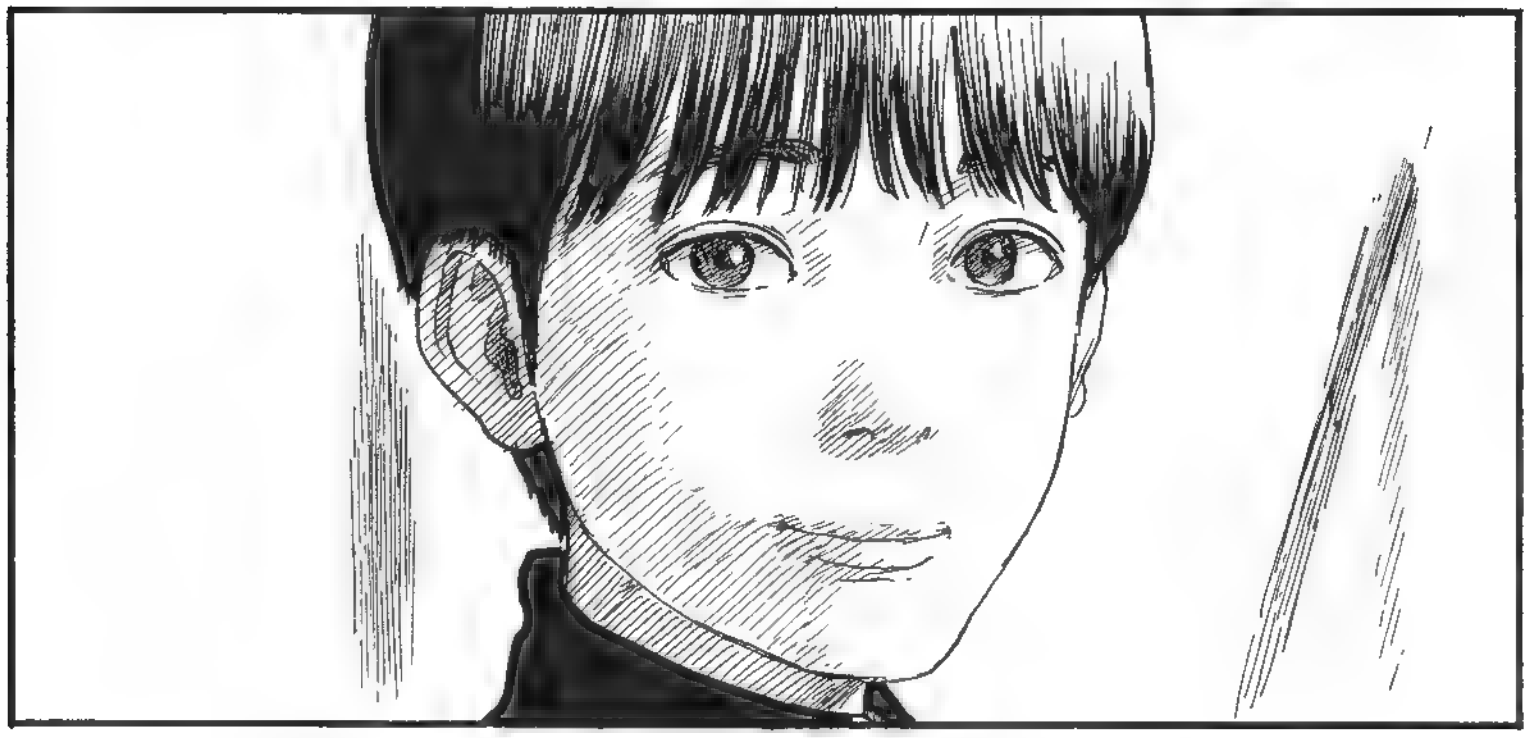
IS IT GOOD?


MM-HMM.


EAT UP.
THERE'S DRIED WHITEBAIT TOO.



'KAY.



LET'S STAY LIKE THIS FOREVER,

JUST THE TWO OF US.

FOREVER AND EVER...

AH HA HA HA HA

CHATTER

REALLY?

CHATTER

SHUT UP

THE HELL?

CHATTER

YO!

GAH HAHA

THAT'S RETARDED

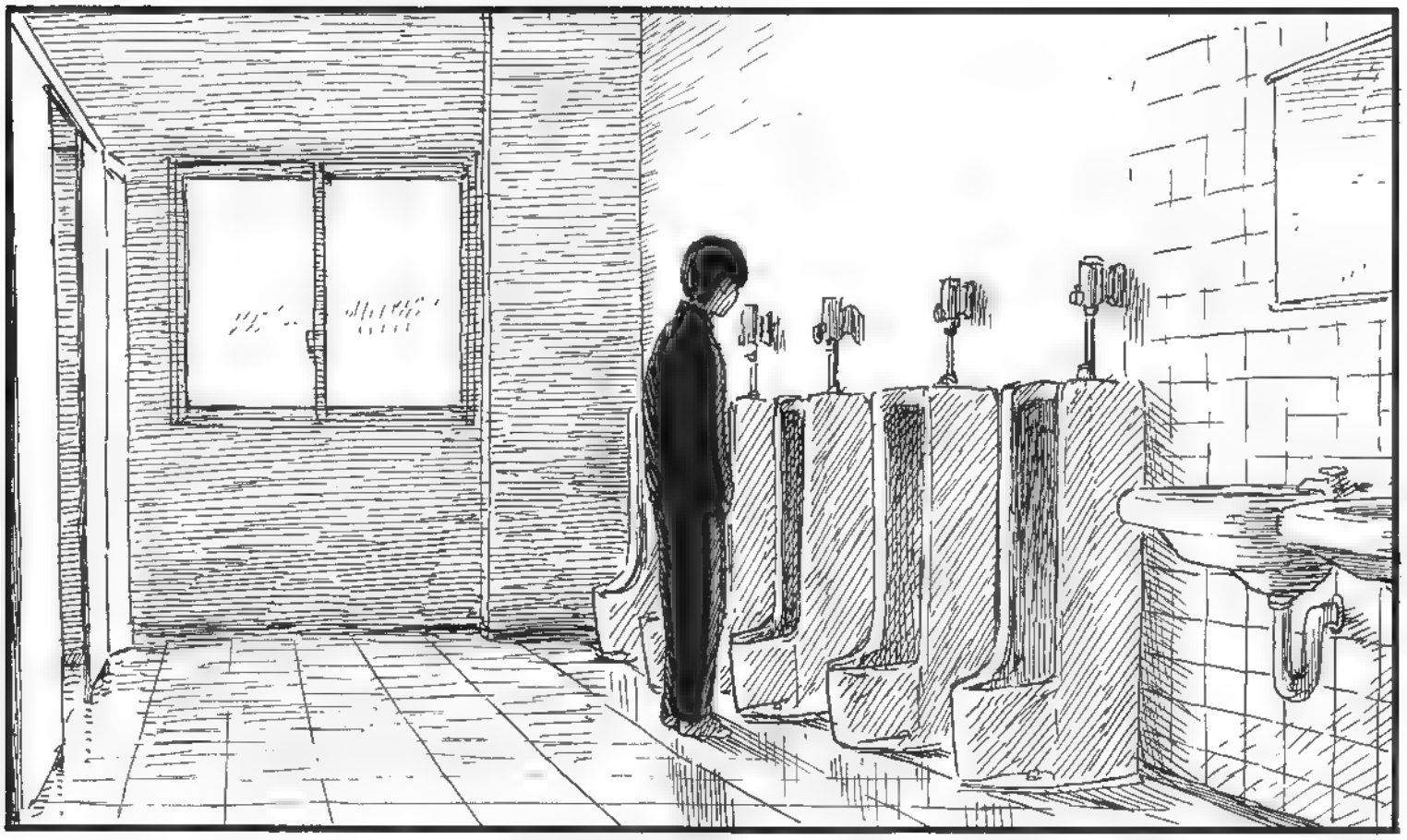
CHATTER

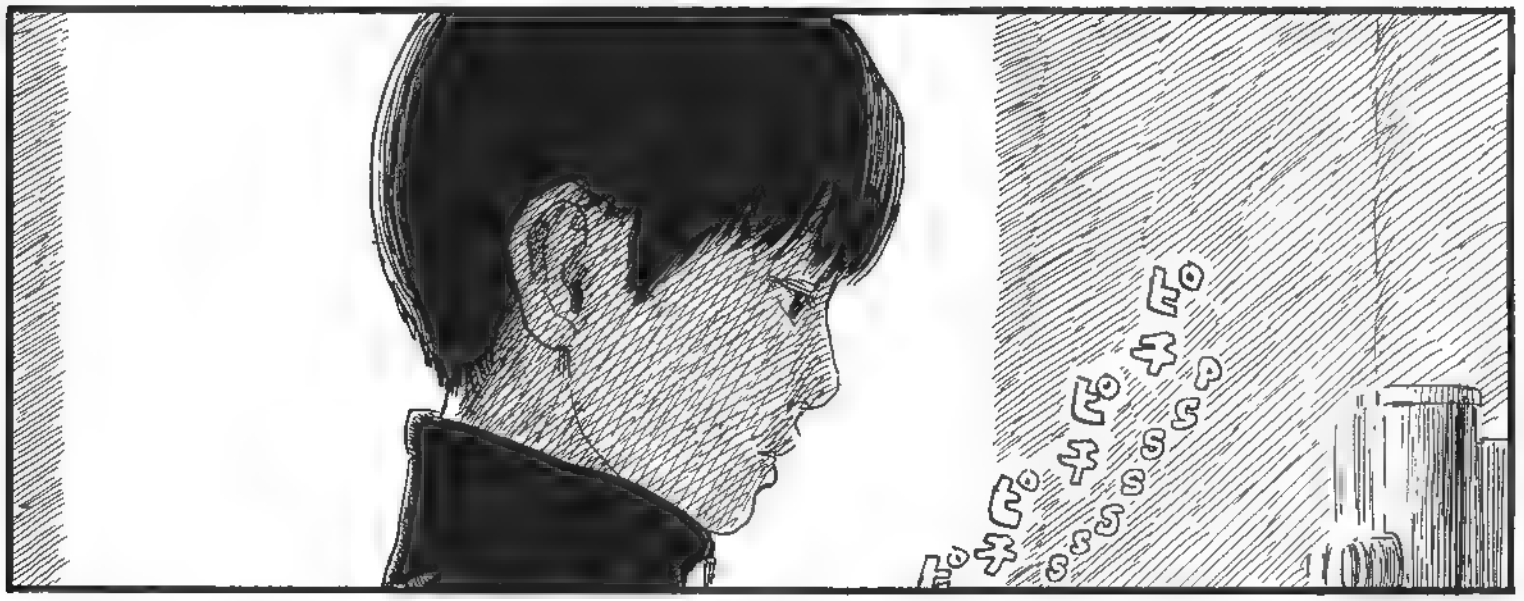
HUH HUH HUH HUH

CHATTER

AH HA HA HA

GAH HAH HAH

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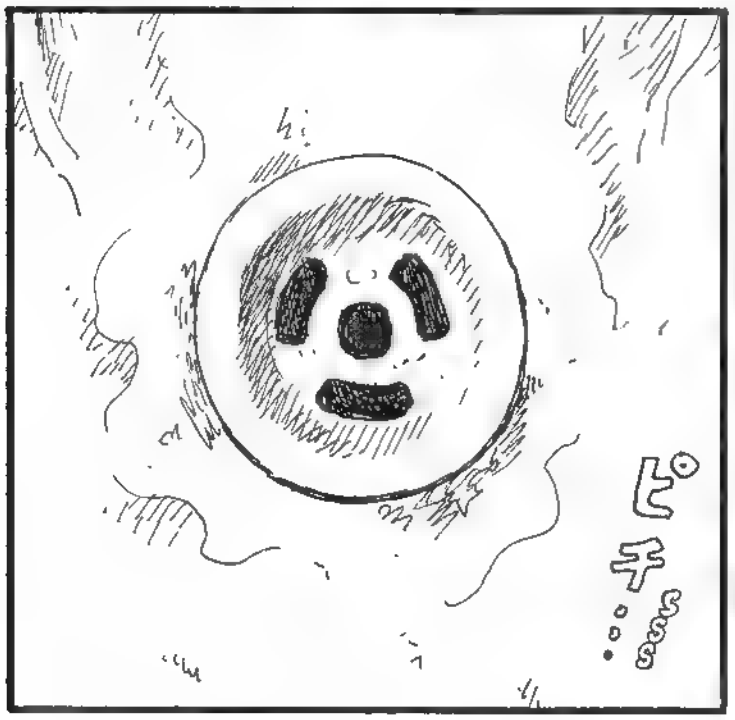
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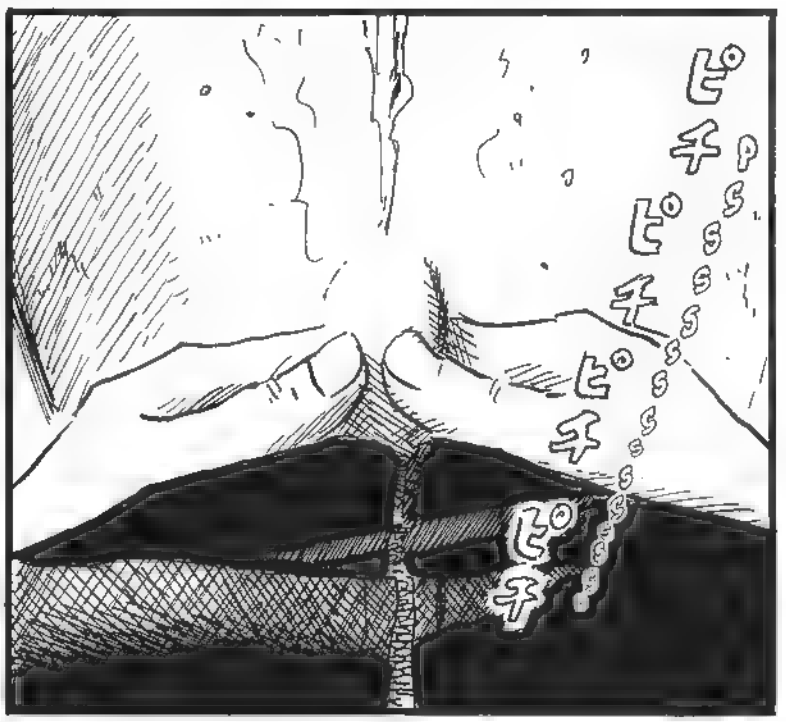
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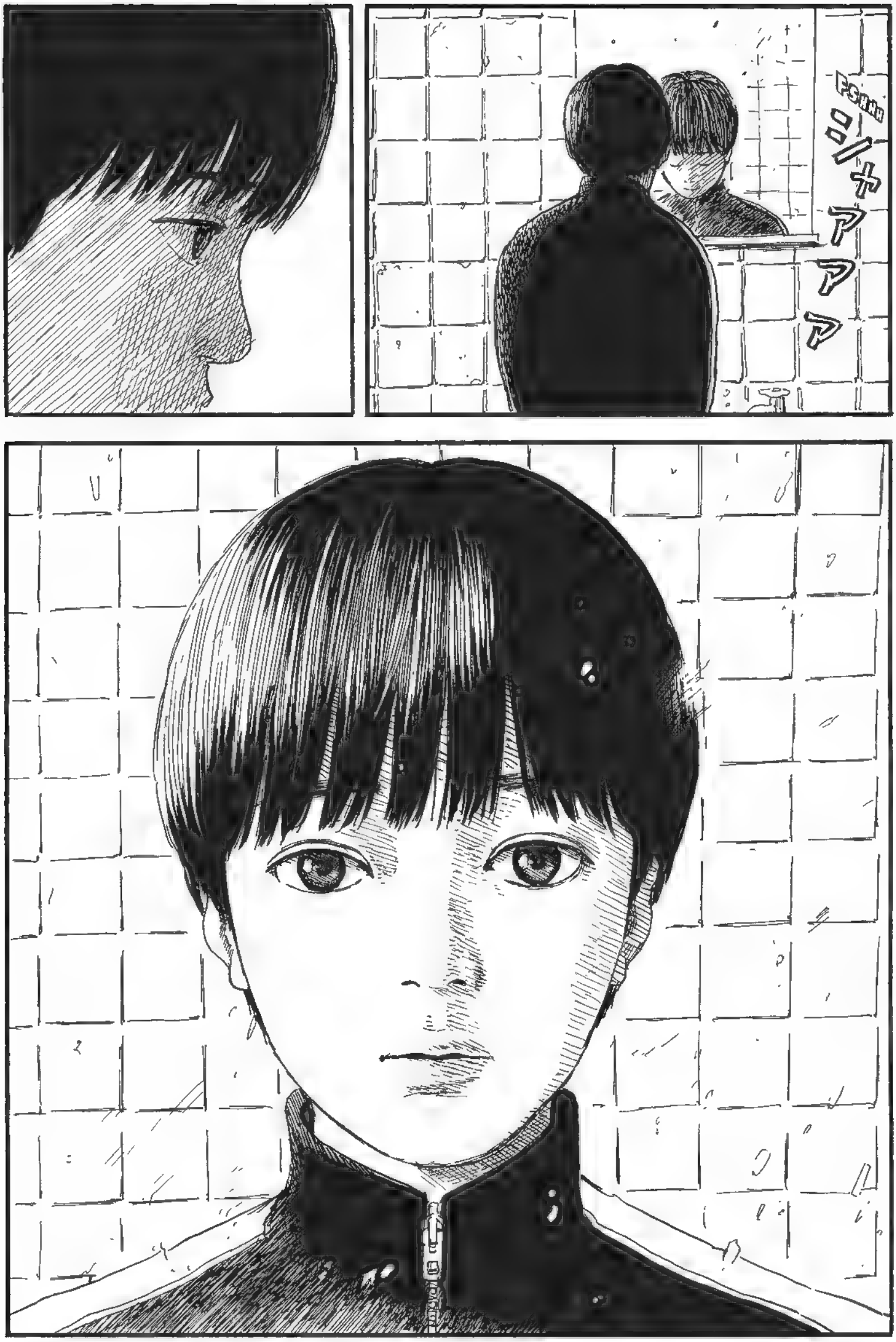
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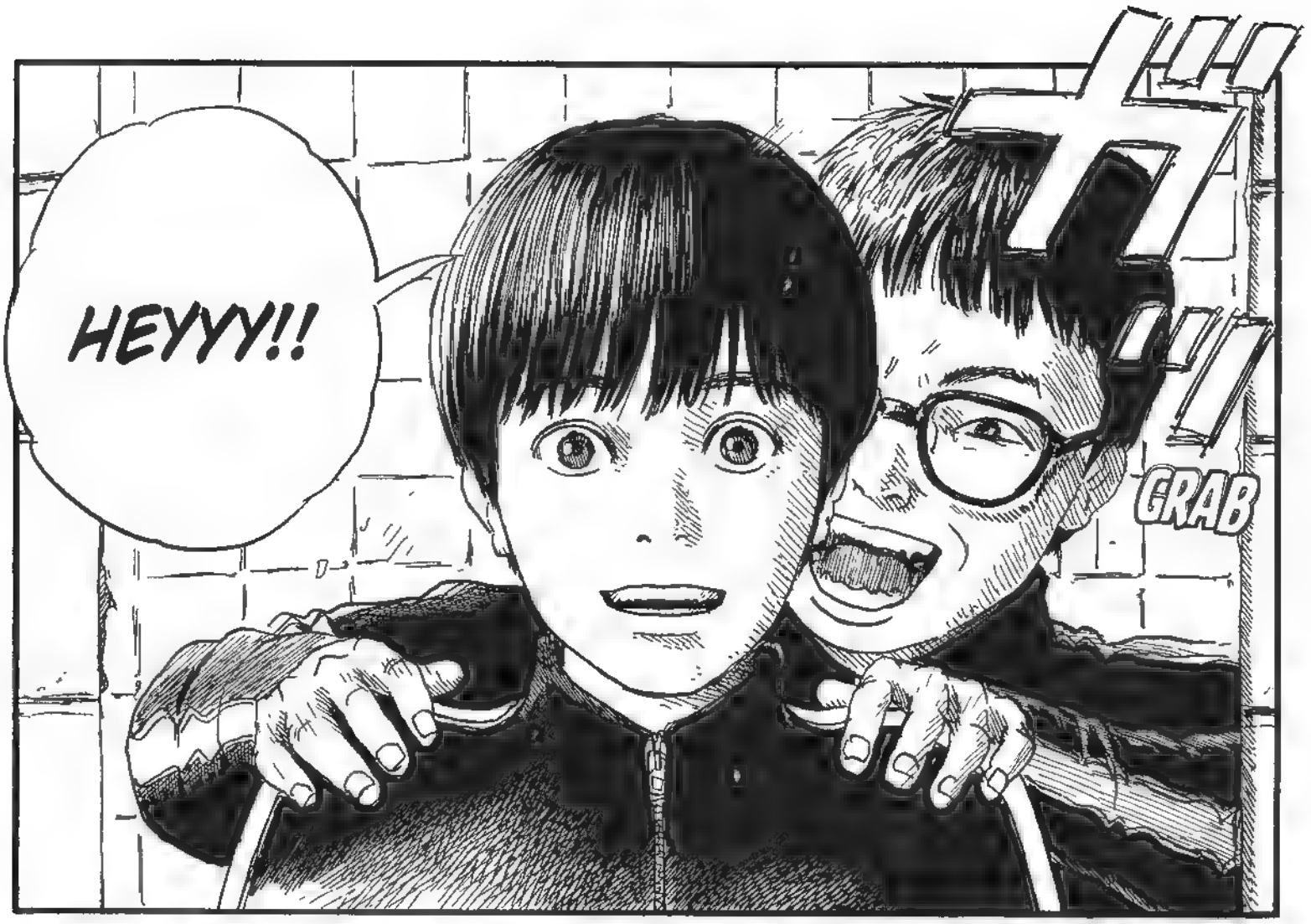
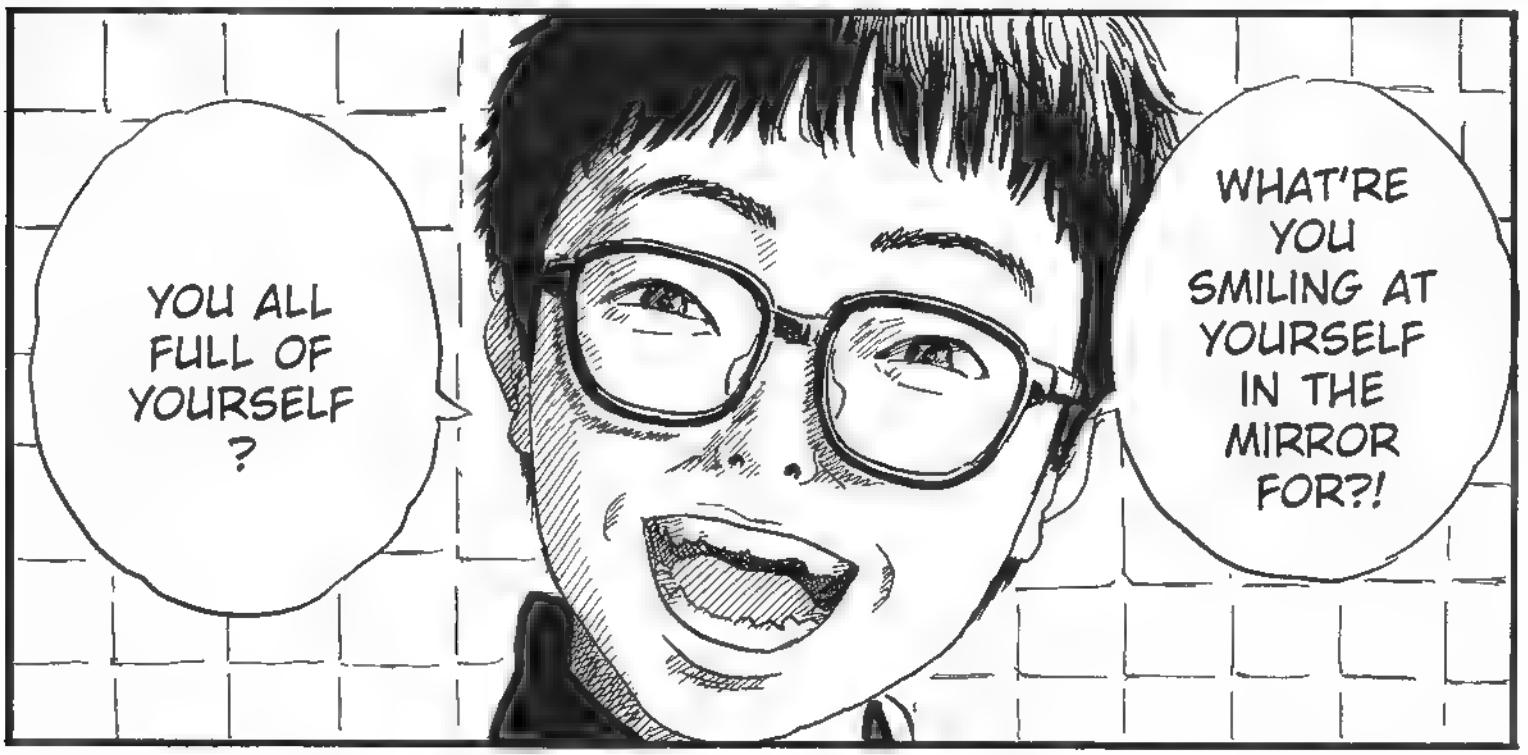
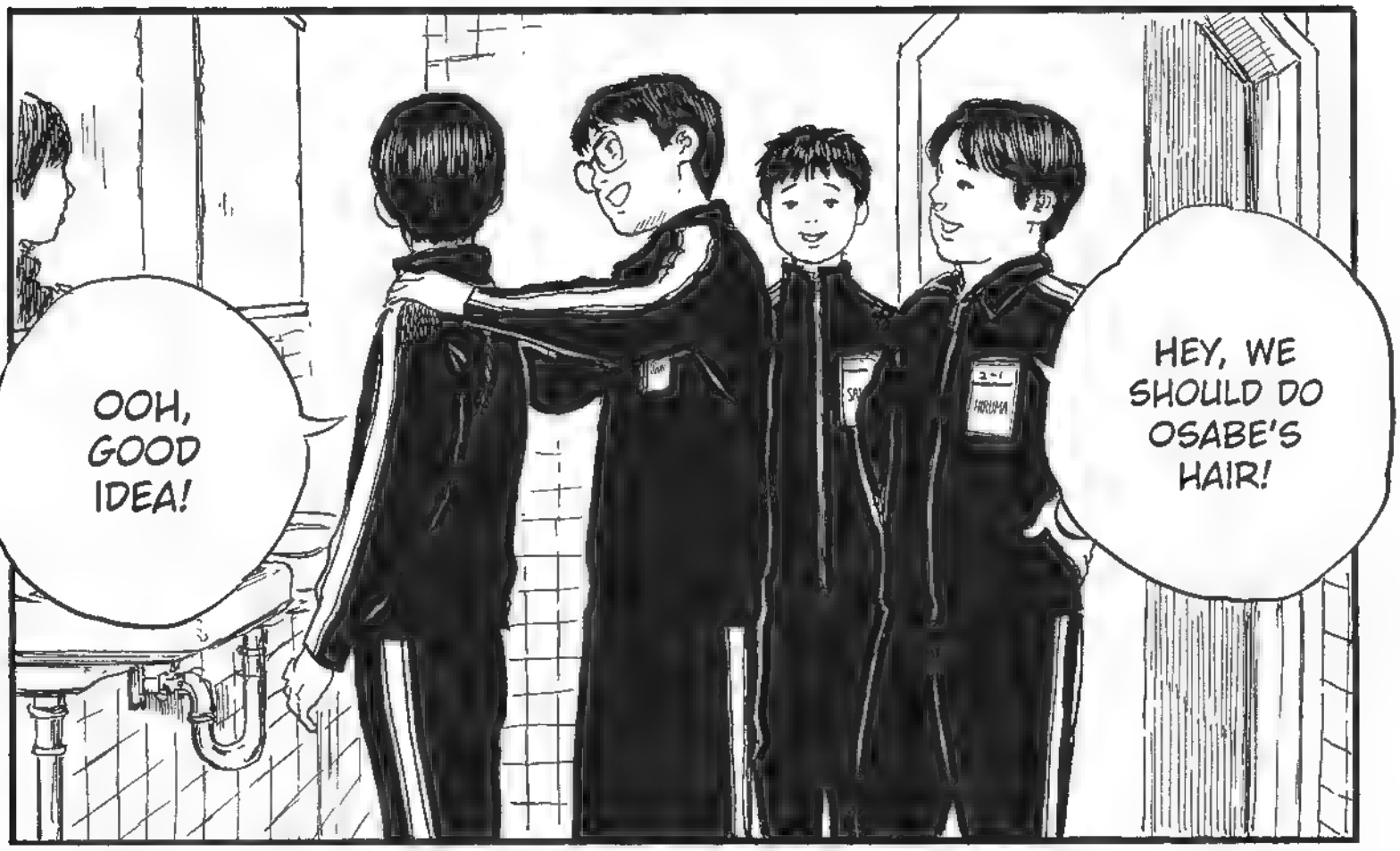
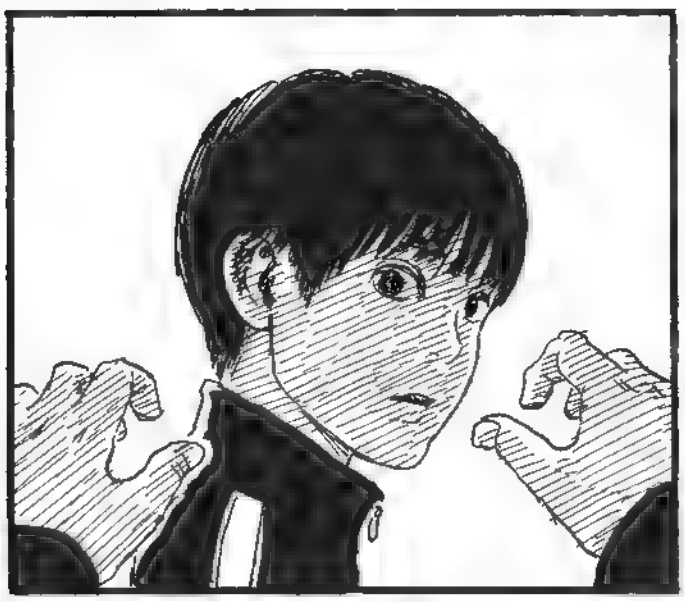
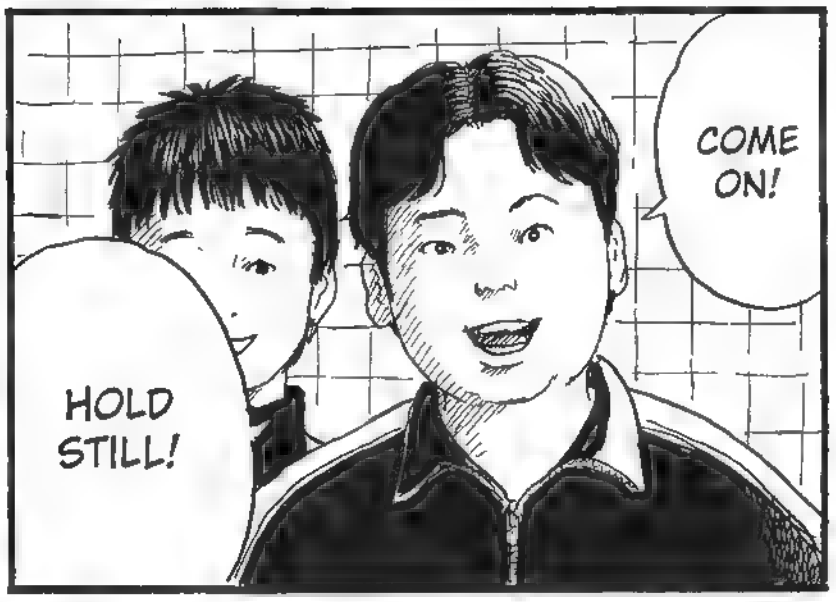

HEYYY!!
GRAB

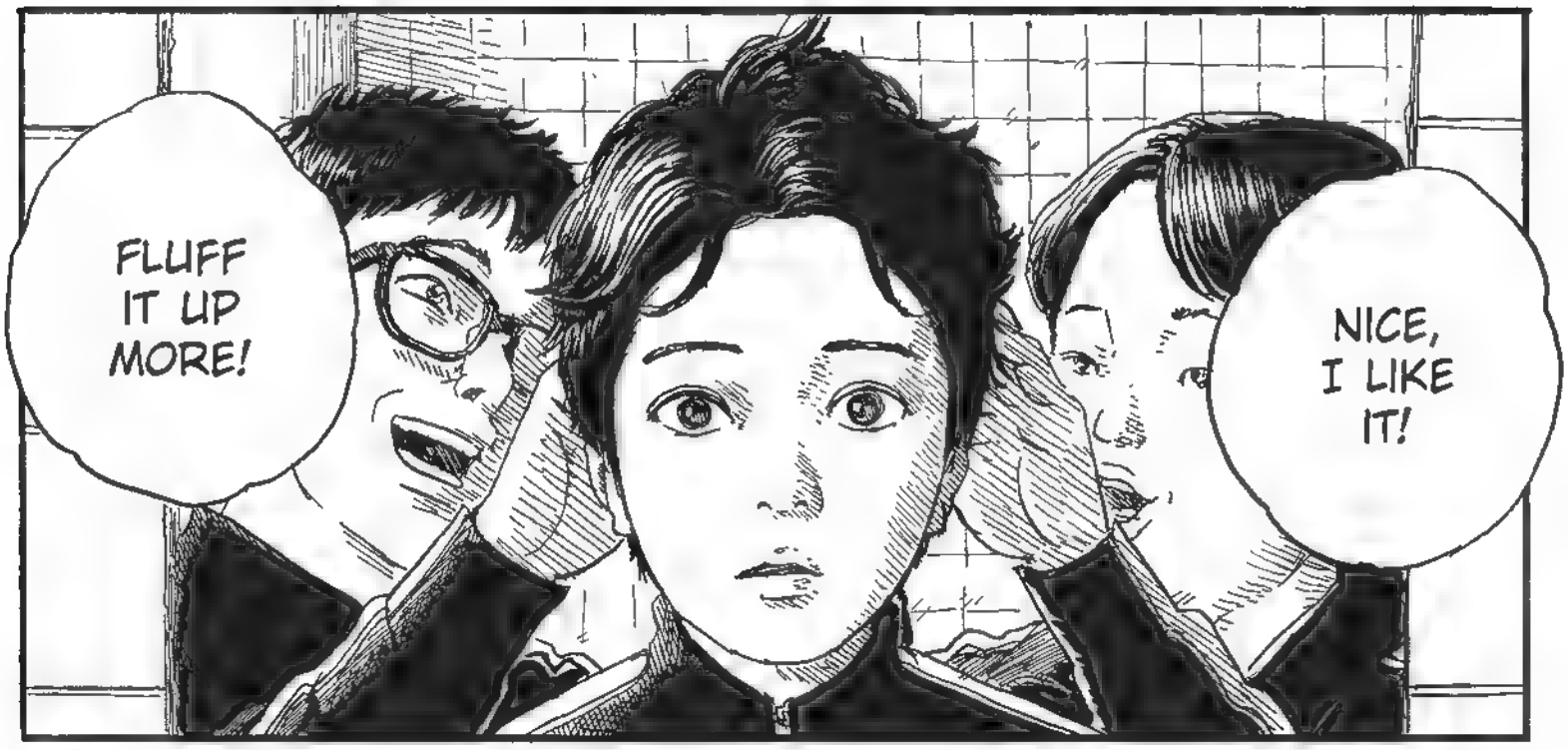

YOU ALL FULL OF YOURSELF ?
WHAT'RE YOU SMILING AT YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR FOR?!

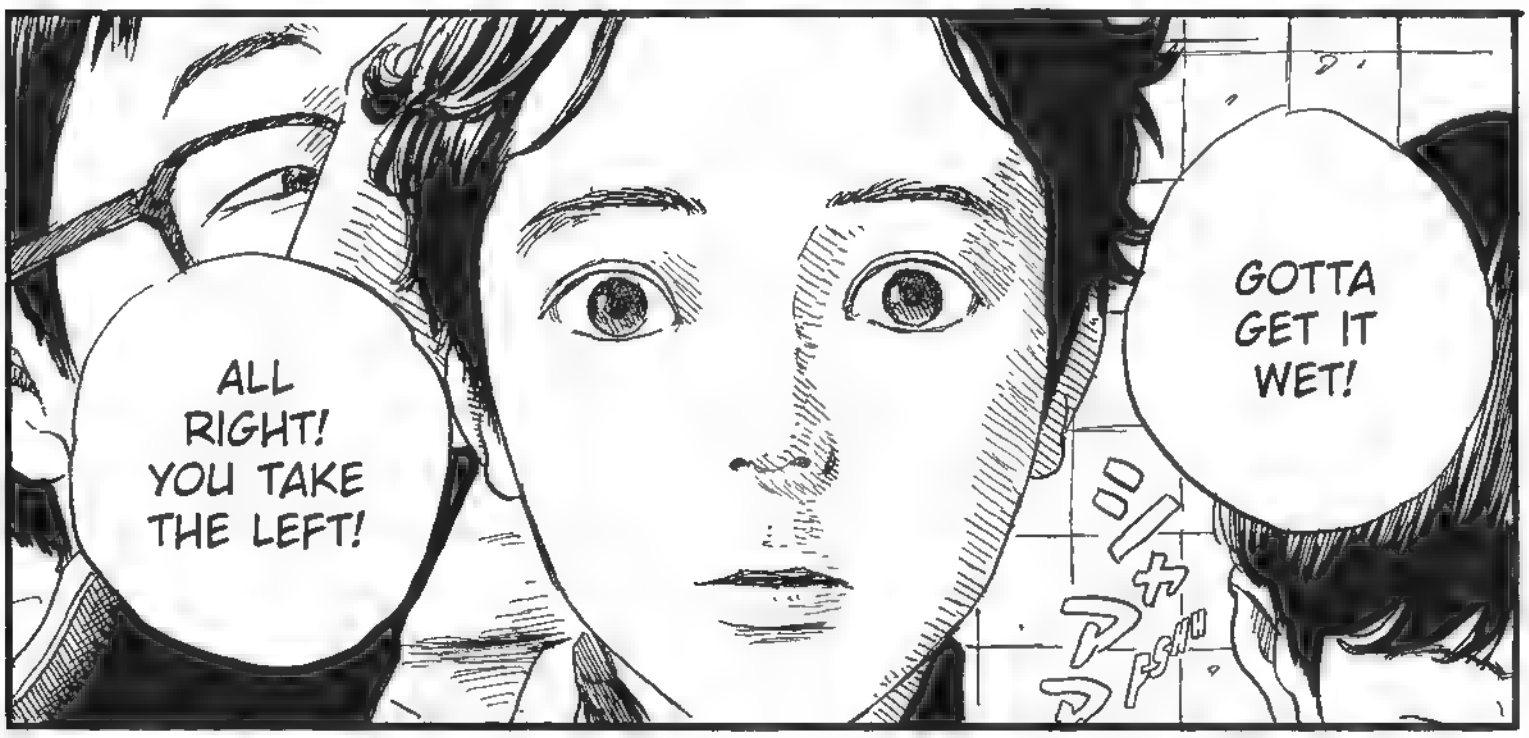

OOH, GOOD IDEA!
HEY, WE SHOULD DO OSABE'S HAIR!

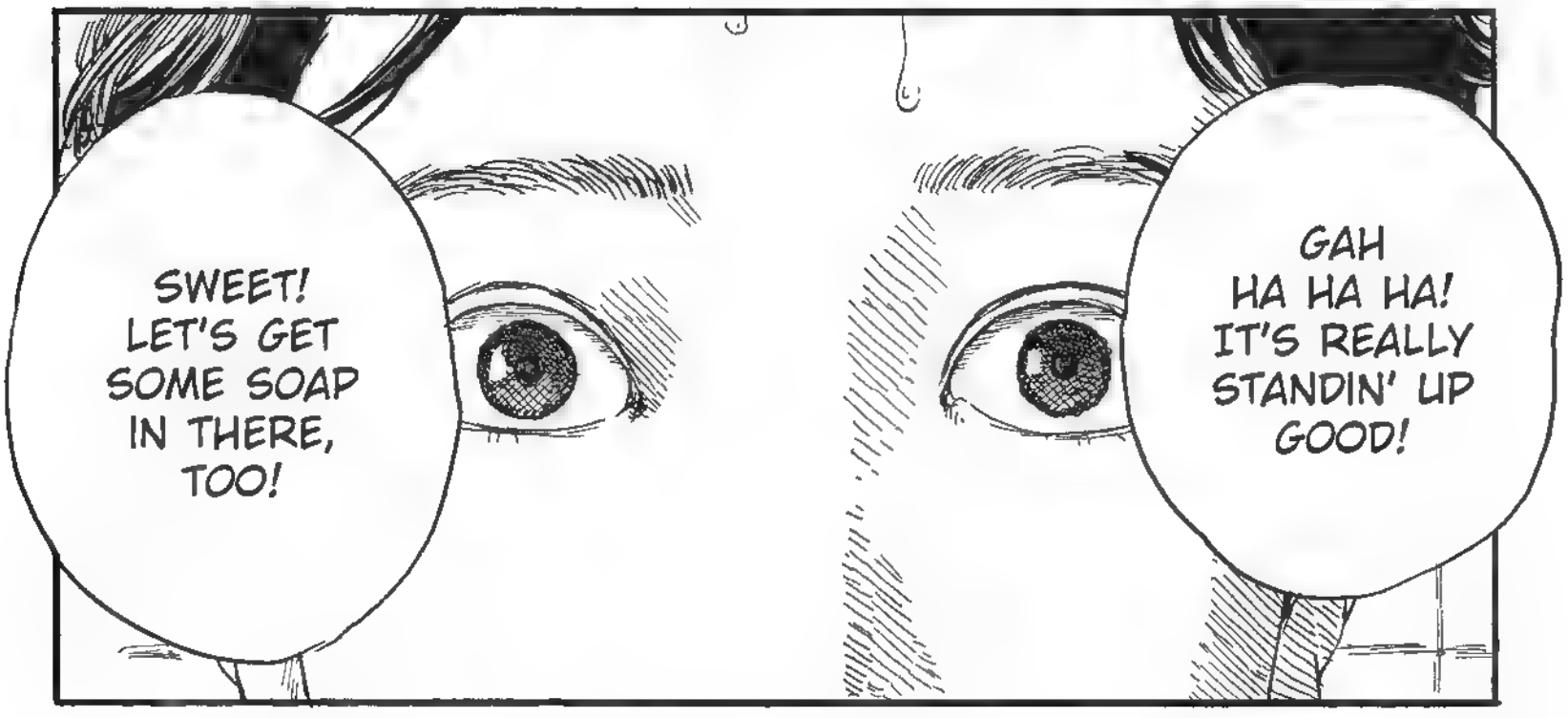



COME ON!
HOLD STILL!

SHRF


FLUFF IT UP MORE!
NICE, I LIKE IT!


ALL RIGHT! YOU TAKE THE LEFT!
GOTTA GET IT WET!
ロレッアラ

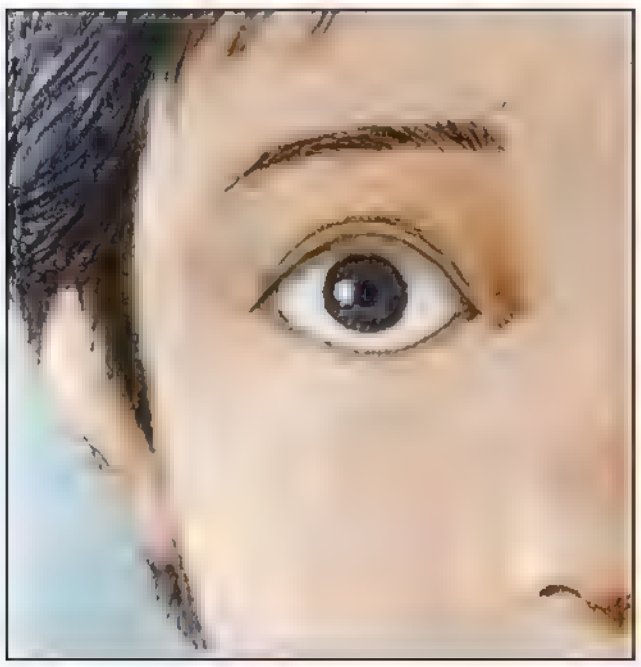

SWEET! LET'S GET SOME SOAP IN THERE, TOO!
GAH HA HA HA! IT'S REALLY STANDIN' UP GOOD!

YOU LOOK AWESOME, OSABE!

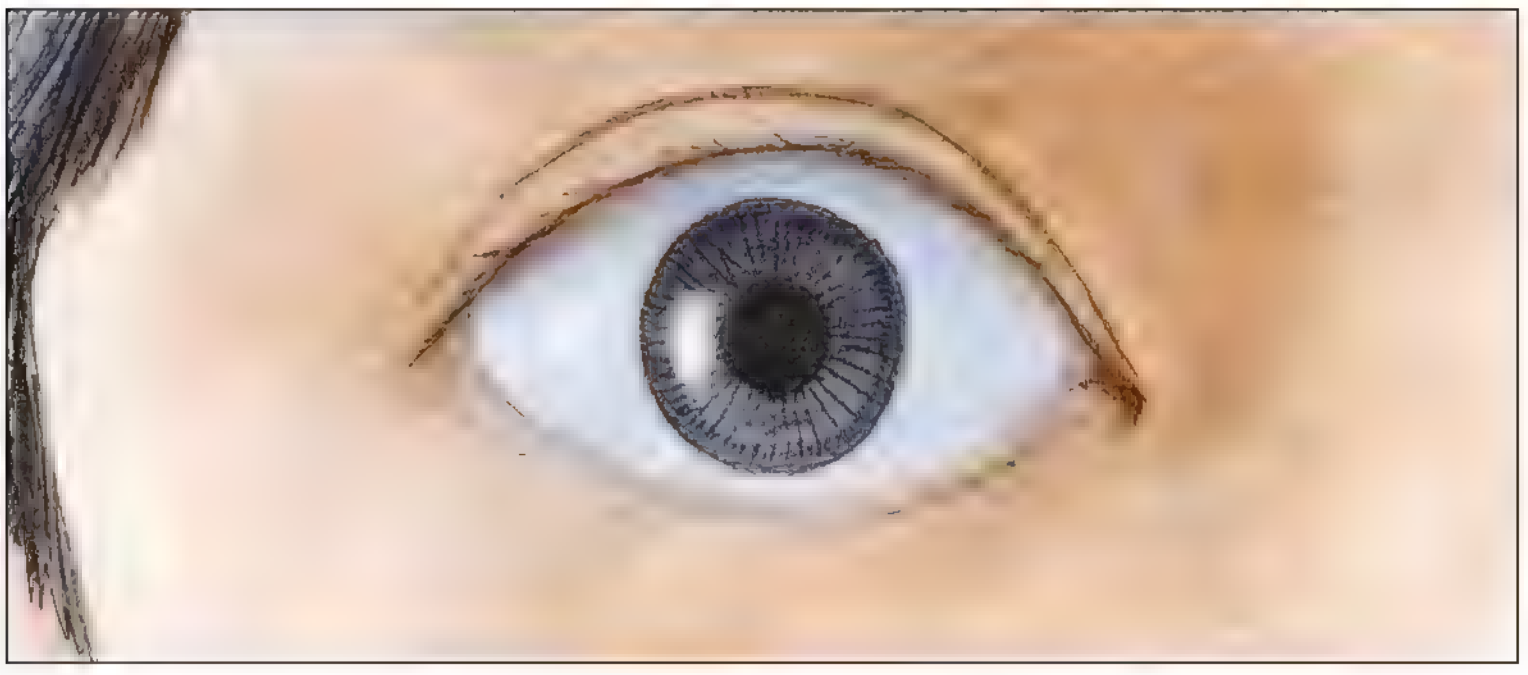
DUDE, THAT'S SICK! I LOVE IT!

AH HA HA HA HA!

BADASS!
THERE YOU GO!



WHADDAYA THINK, OSABE?



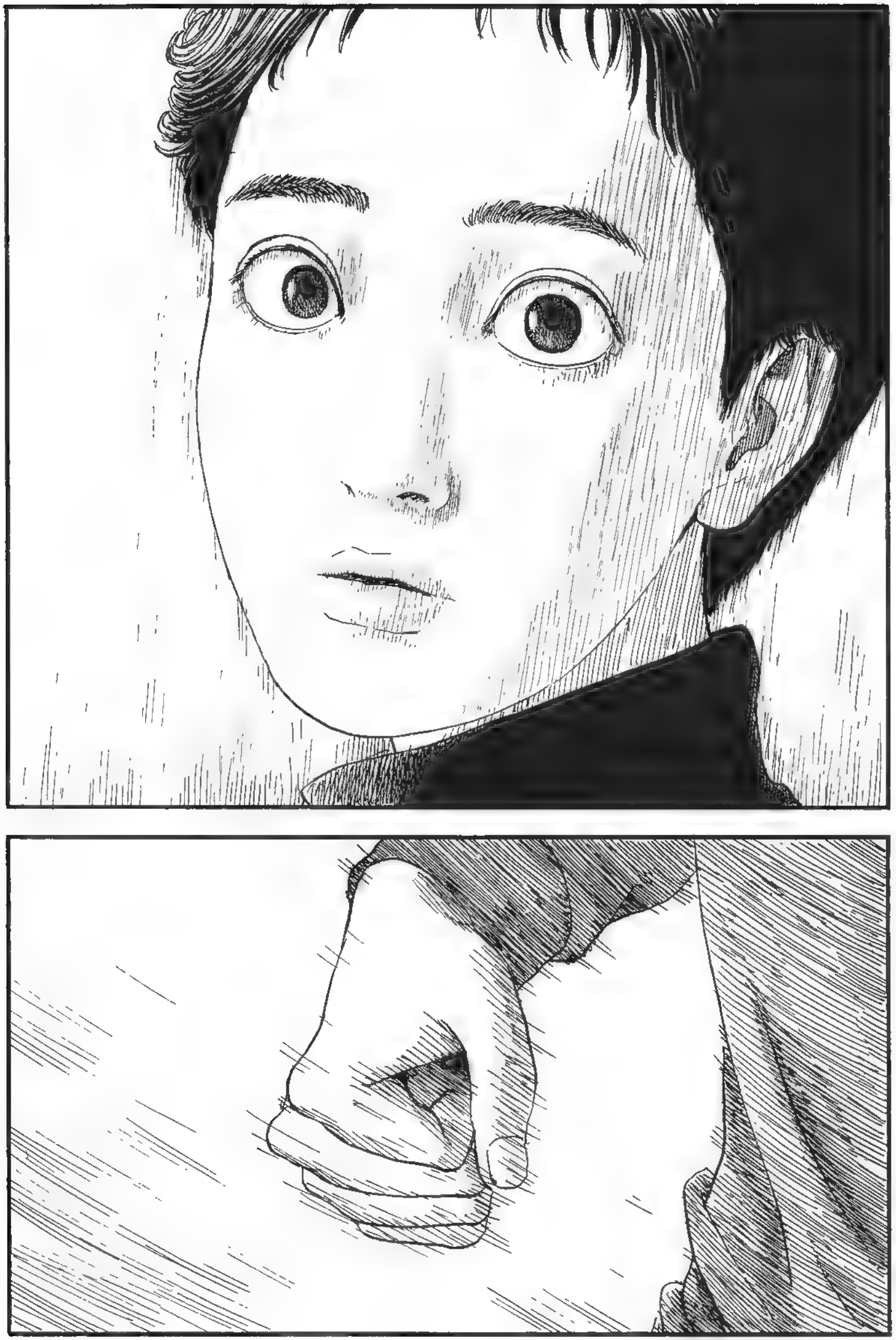
WELL?
SAY SOMETHIN'!

THREE,
TWO,
ONE,
BOOM!

COME ON, WHAT'S WRONG?

HUH?

OSAAA-BEEEE!



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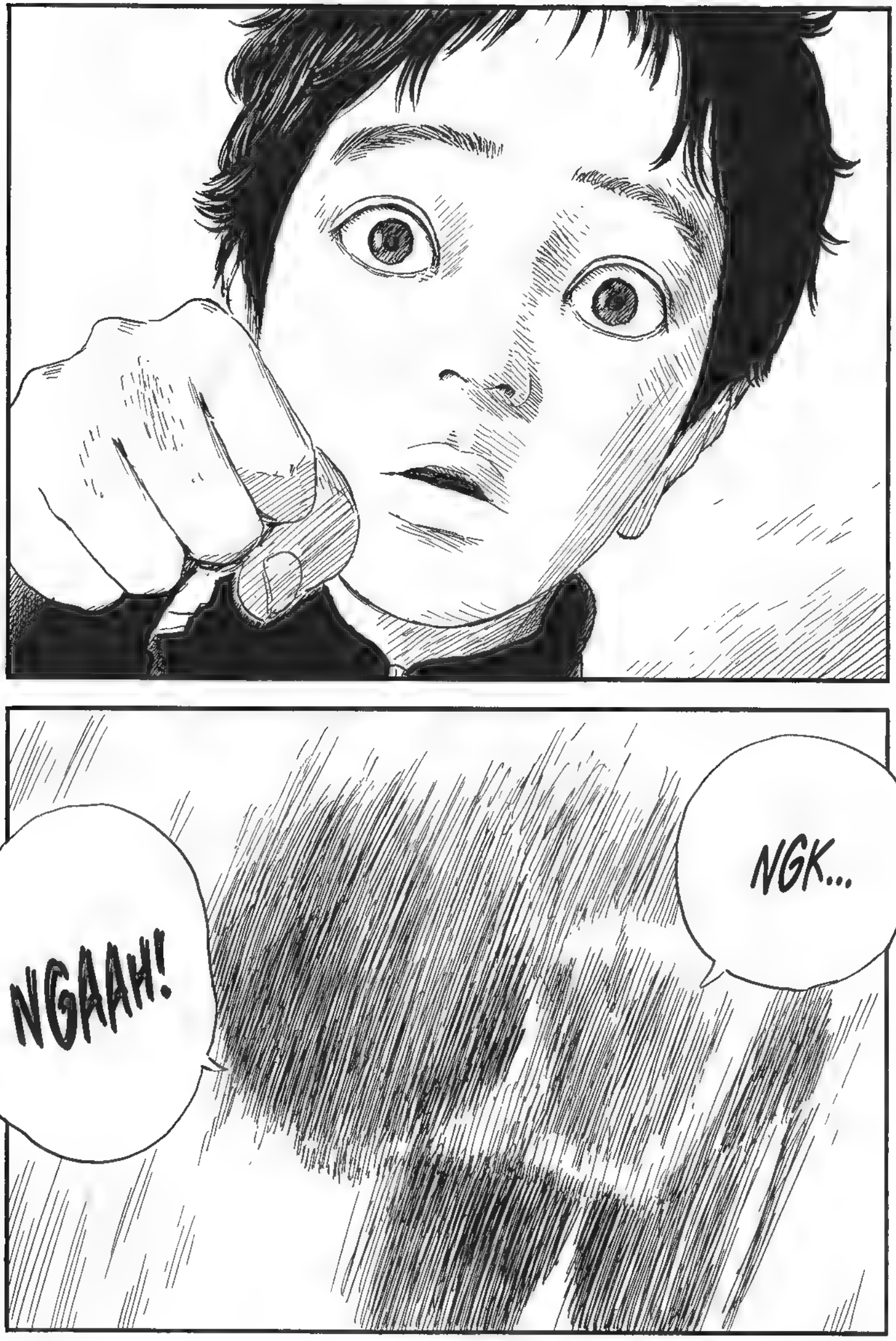
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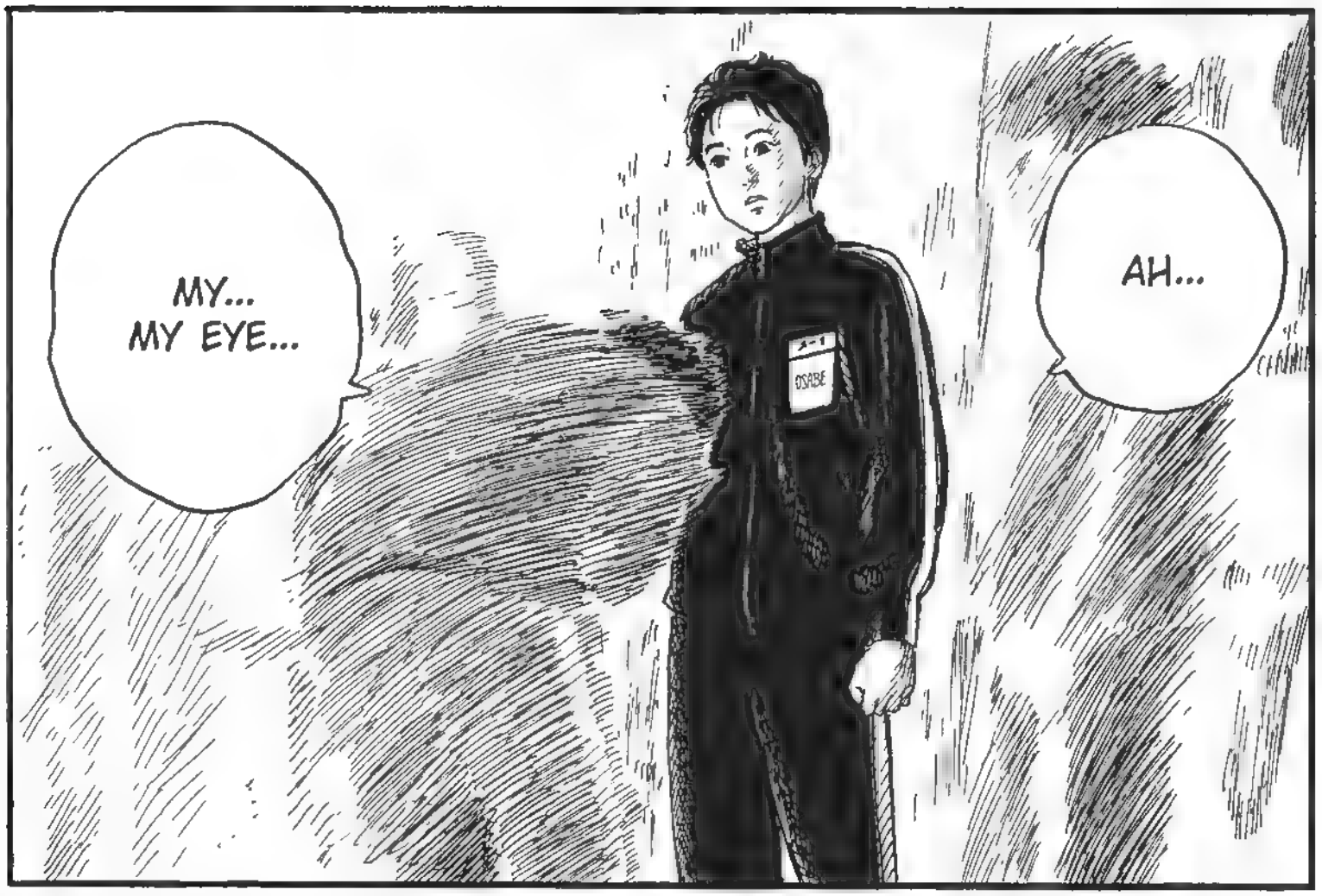
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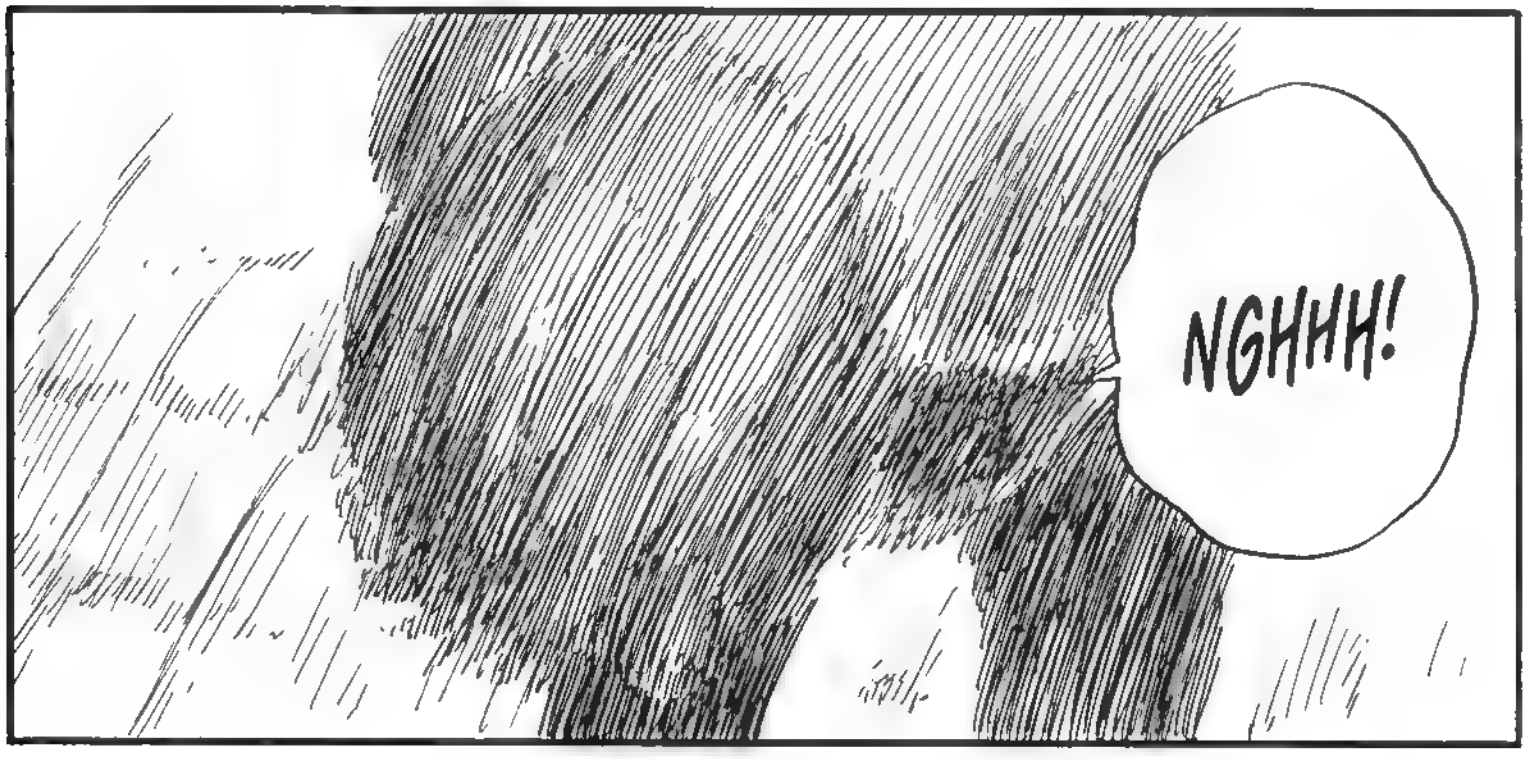
MY EYE...
AH...

HUH?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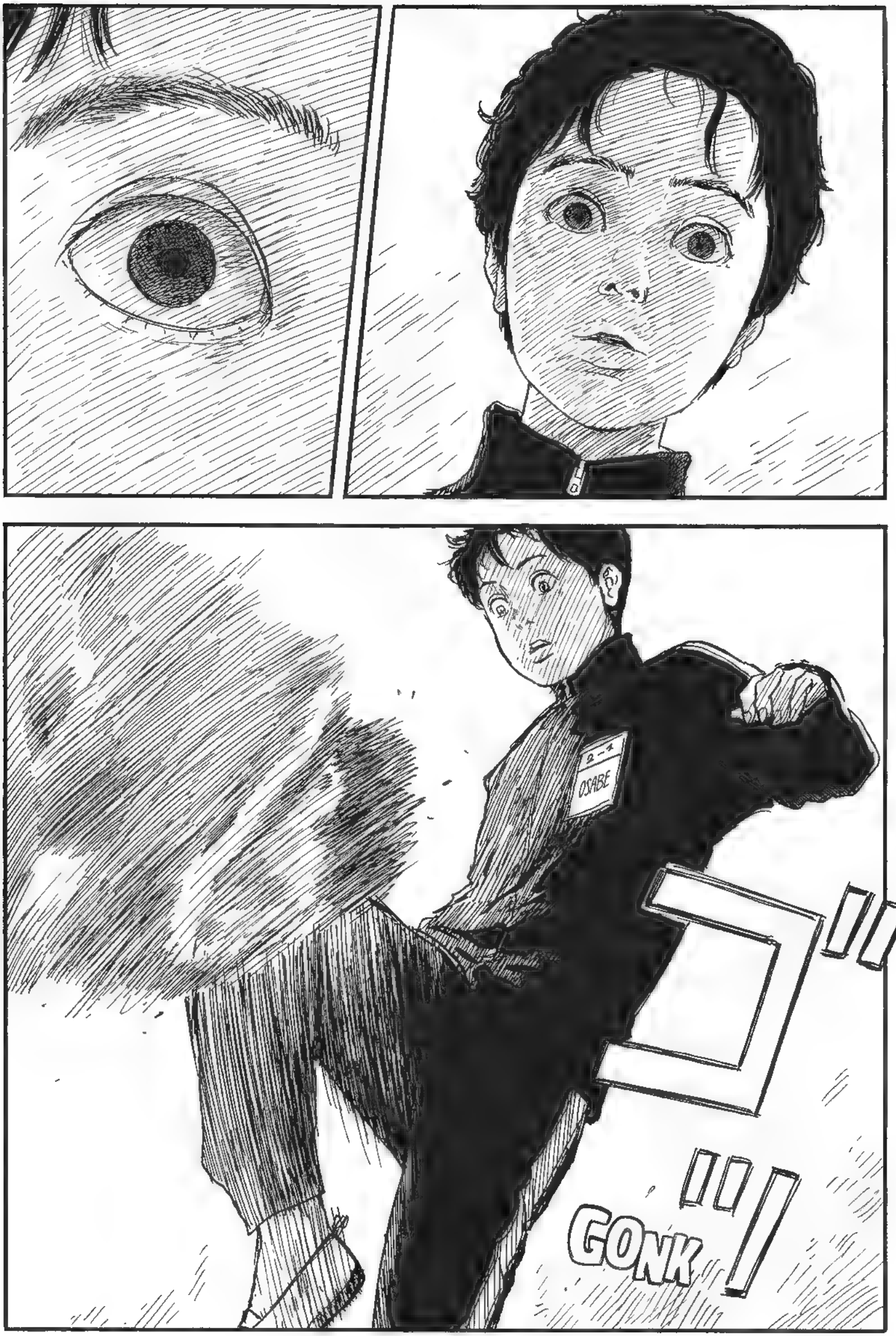
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OSABE
GONK!!

FUMSH

GAAH!

QUIT IT!

O-OSABE!

2-1 OSABE

WUMP

GRUNCH

GWAK

GWAK

GK!

NG!

YOU'RE ALL...

YOU'RE ALL...

YOU'RE ALL DEAD...

GET A TEACHER!

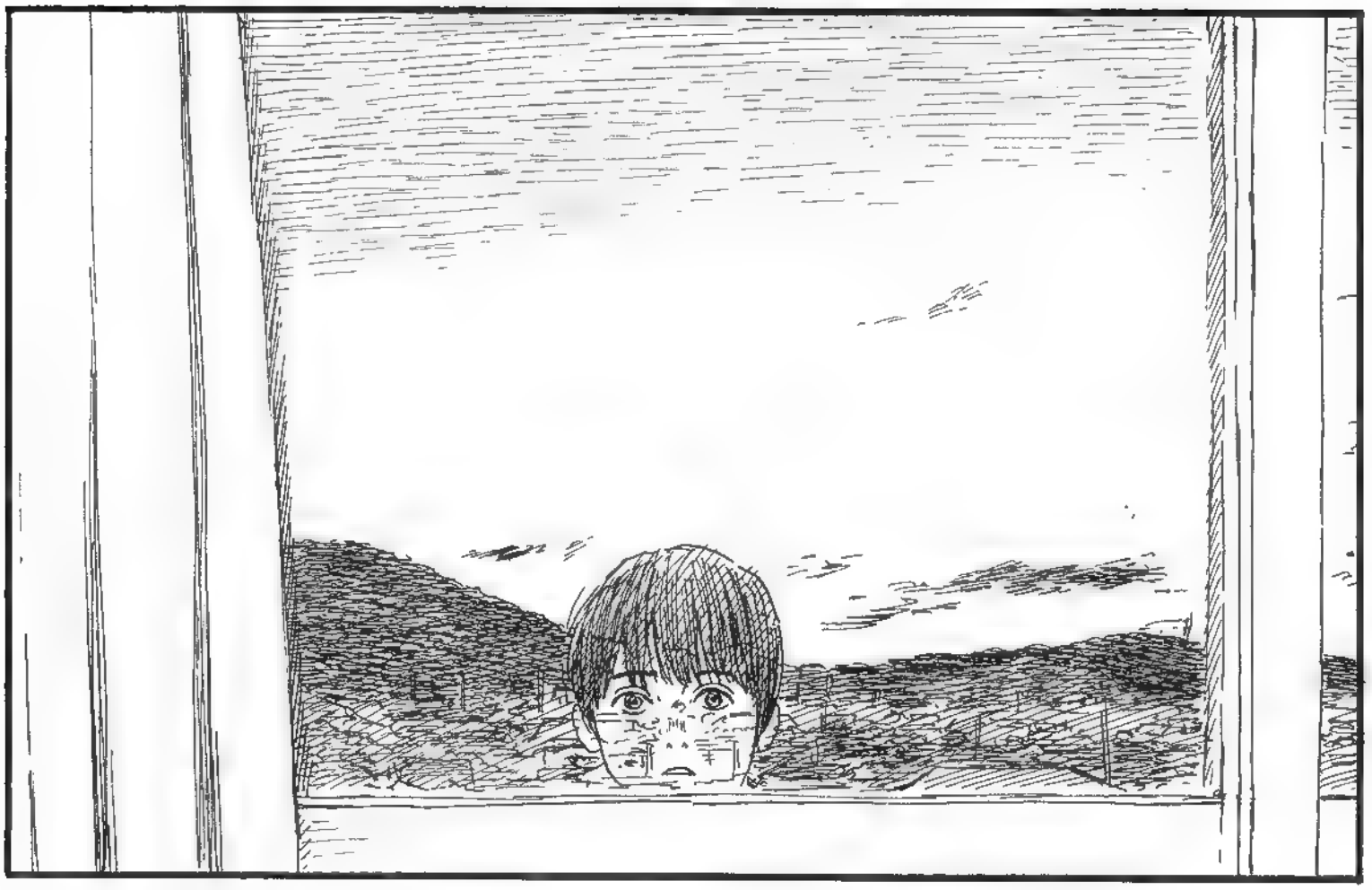
WE GOTTA GET A TEACHER!

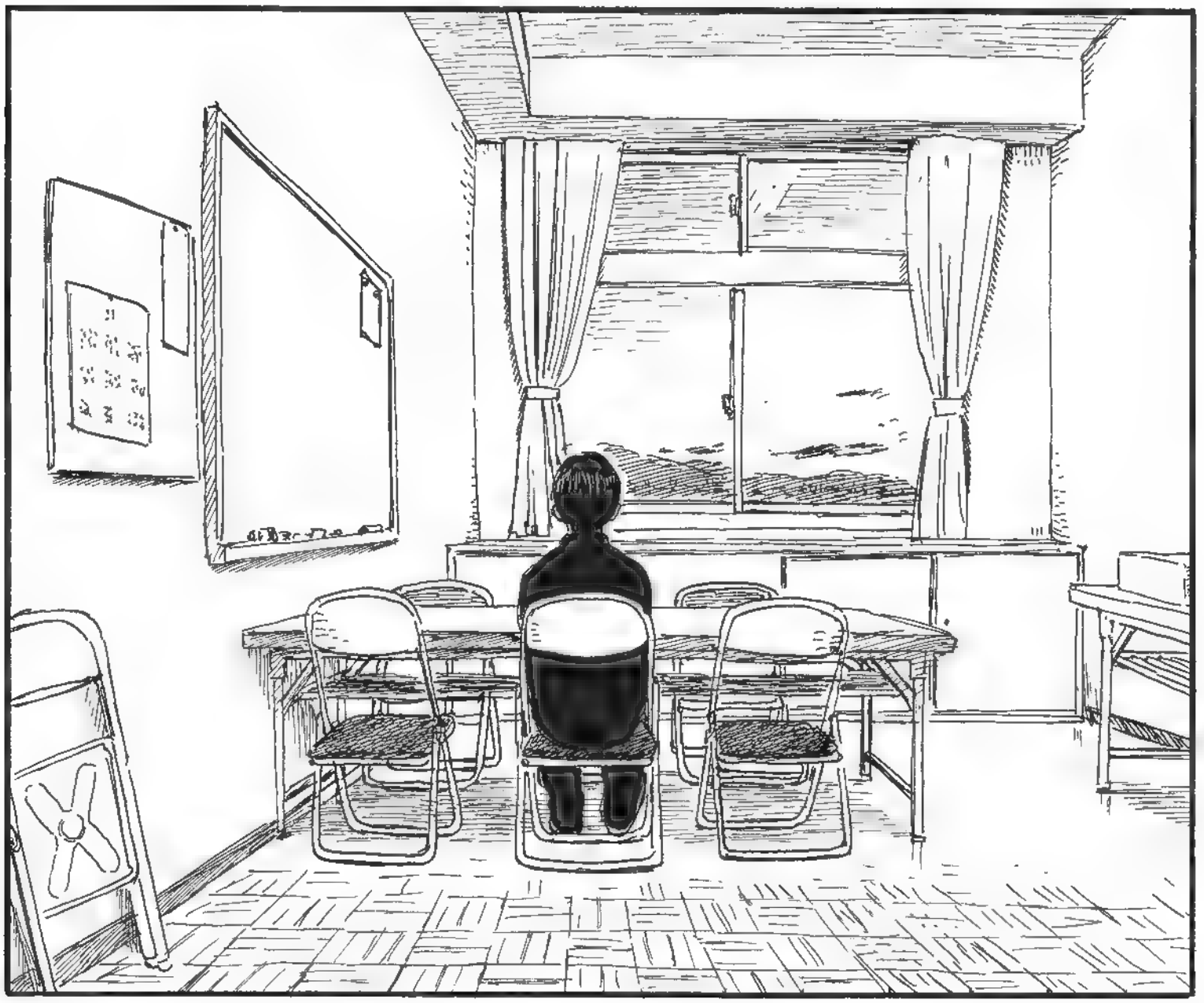
SO
WHY THE
FUCK...

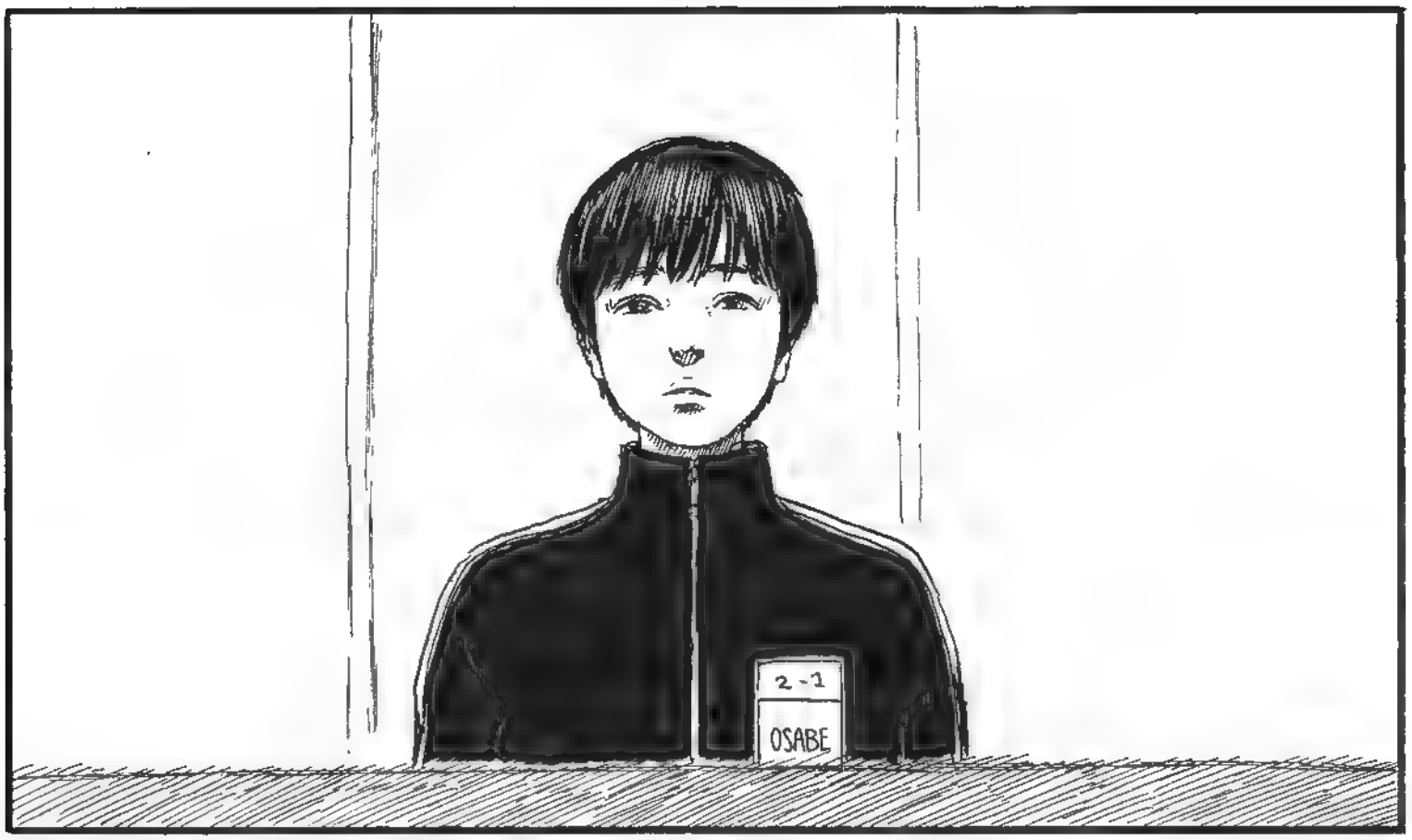
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
HEY !!

OSABE!

EEGH...
UGH...
NG...
NGK...



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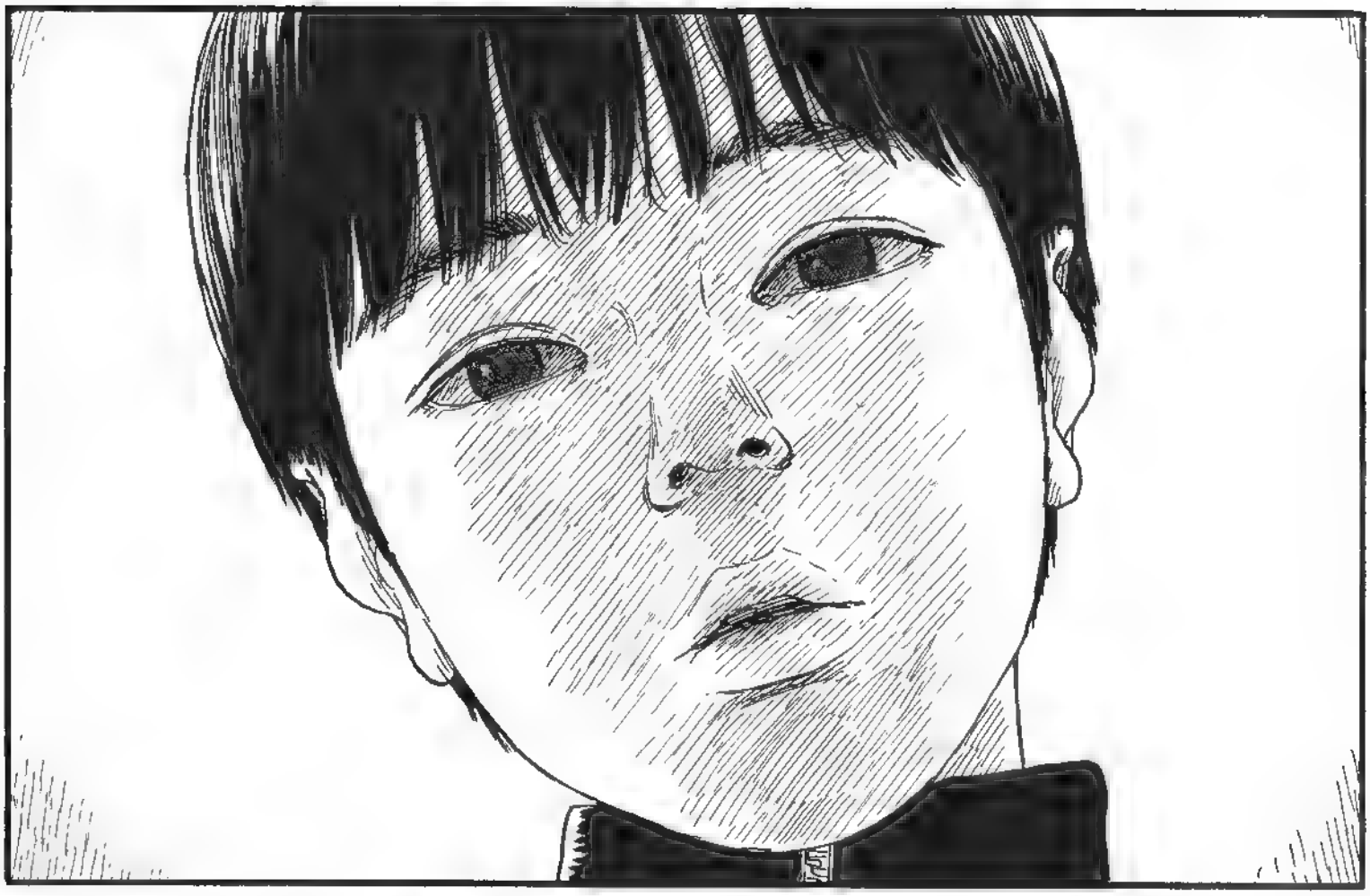

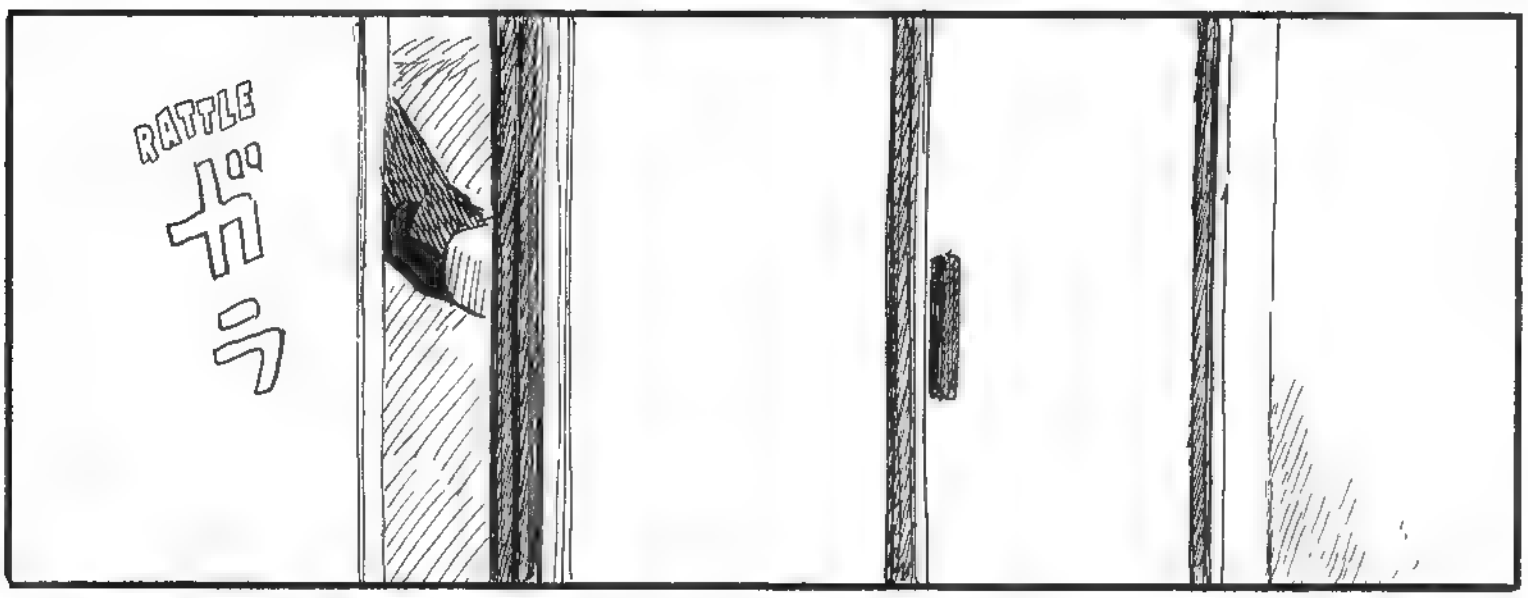
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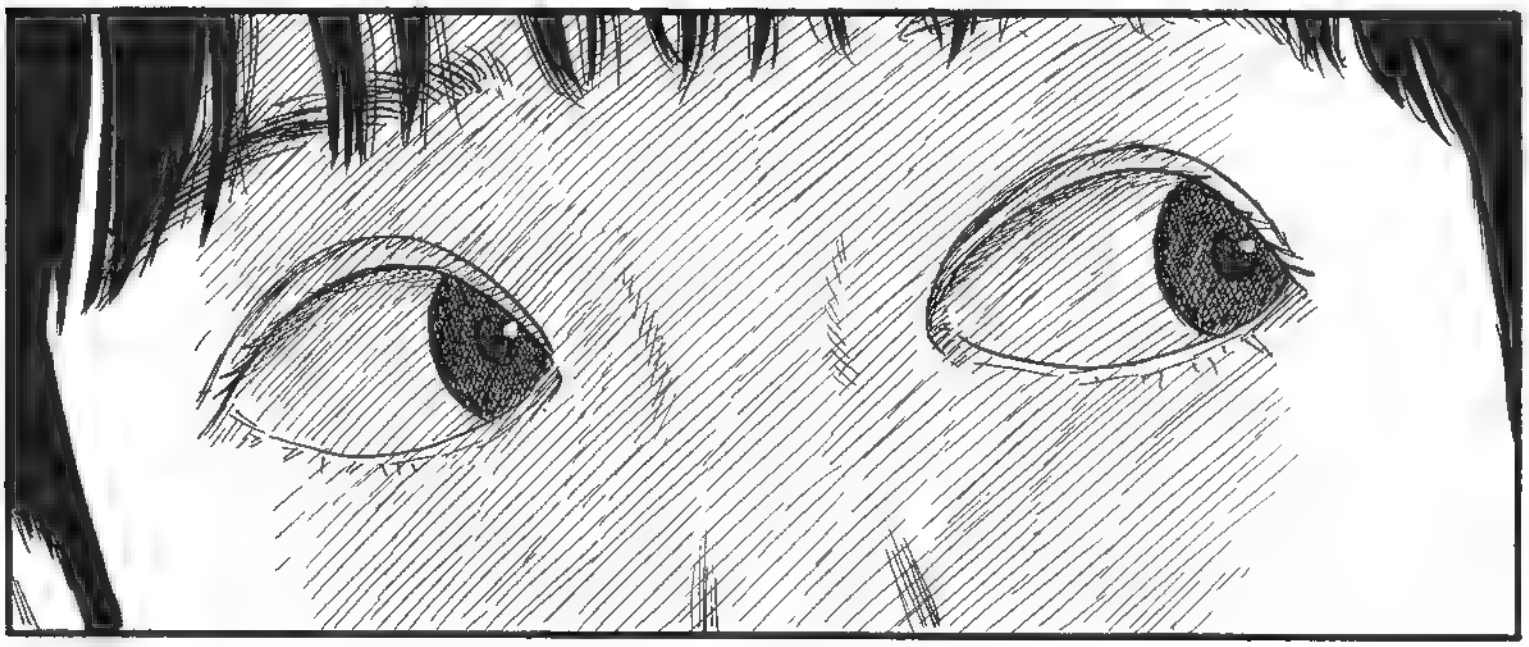

YOU SEEING THINGS A LITTLE CLEARER NOW?
...OSABE.

YOU BROKE OGURA'S GLASSES, YOU KNOW.
THE LENS WAS THIS CLOSE TO HIS EYEBALL.

FWAP
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SQUEAK
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SQUEAK
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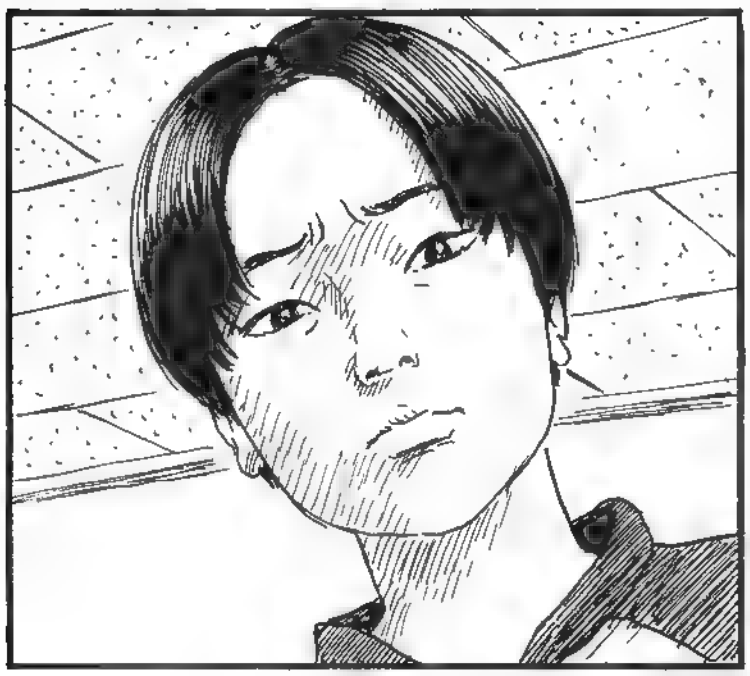
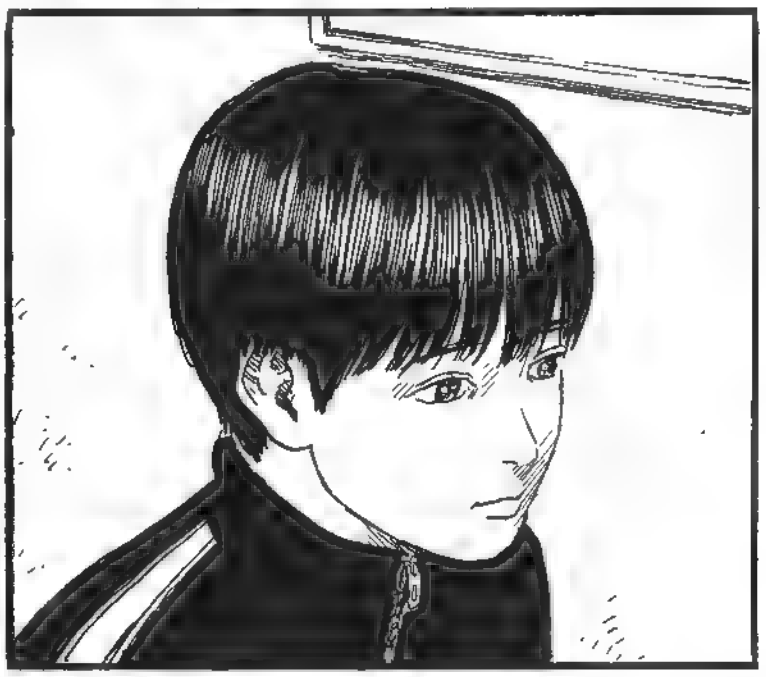
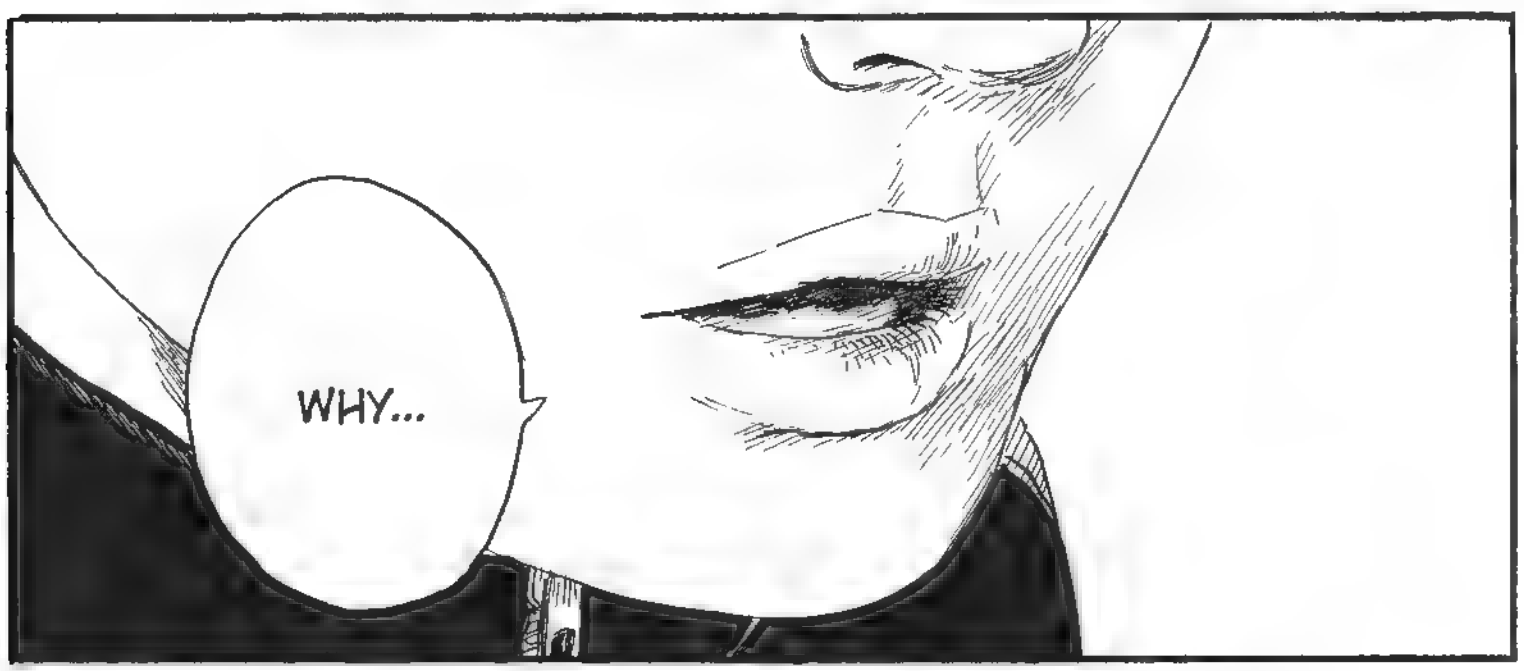
THAT'S EXTREMELY SERIOUS.
HE COULD'VE BEEN BLINDED.






WHY...

DID I...

HIT HIM, DO YOU THINK?

...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DID IT!!

AND YOUR MOM, THEY'RE ALL ON THEIR WAY HERE!

OGURA!

AND HIS MOM!

SO FACE UP TO WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

FWAP

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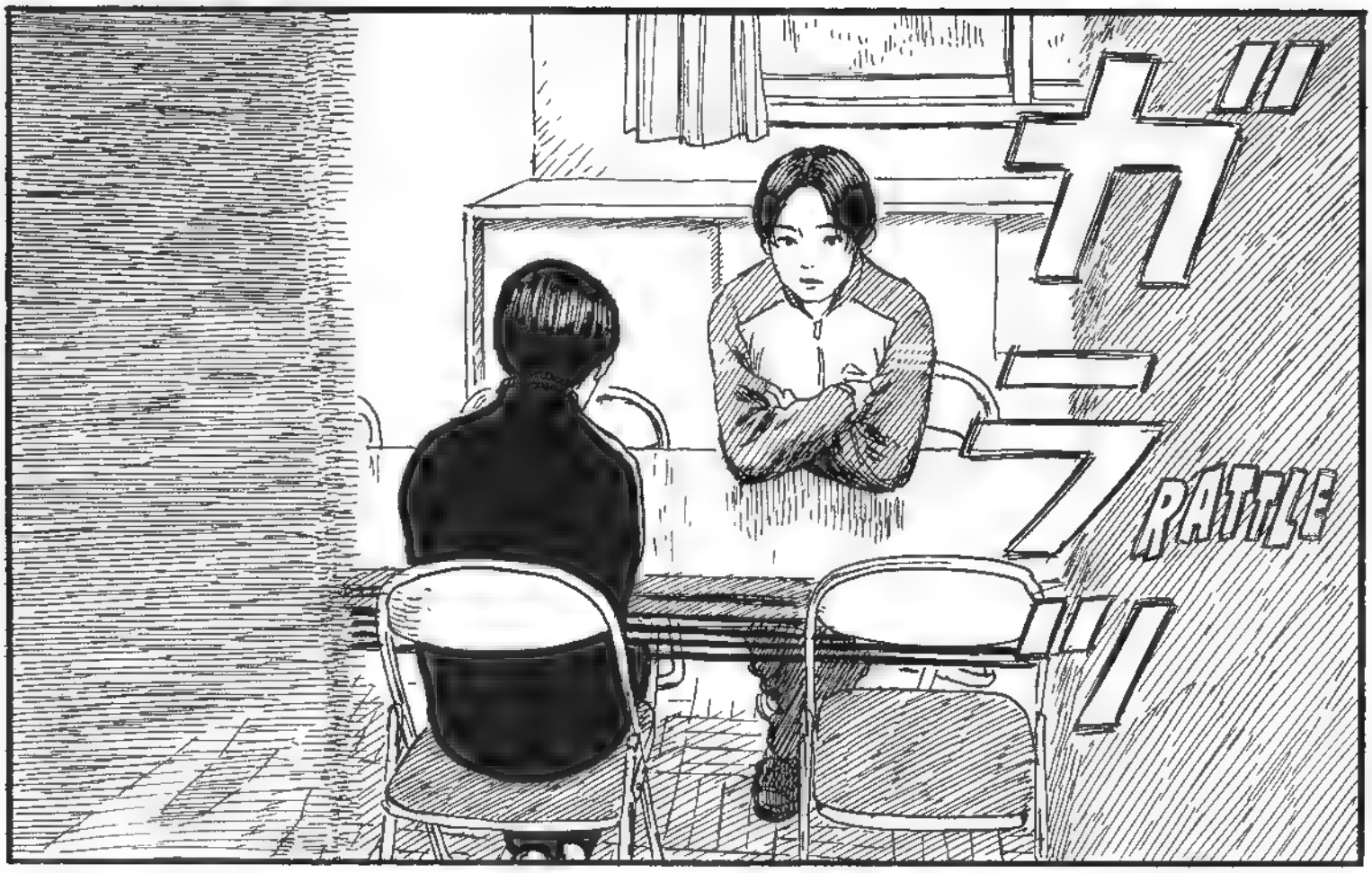
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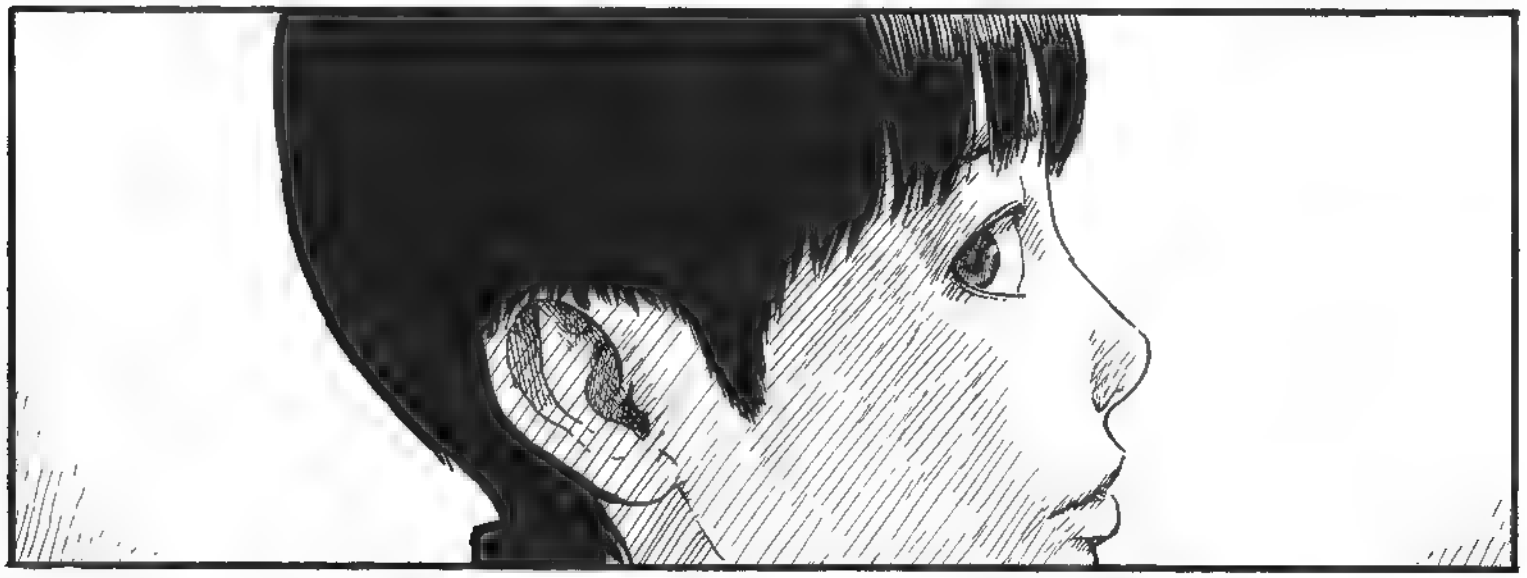
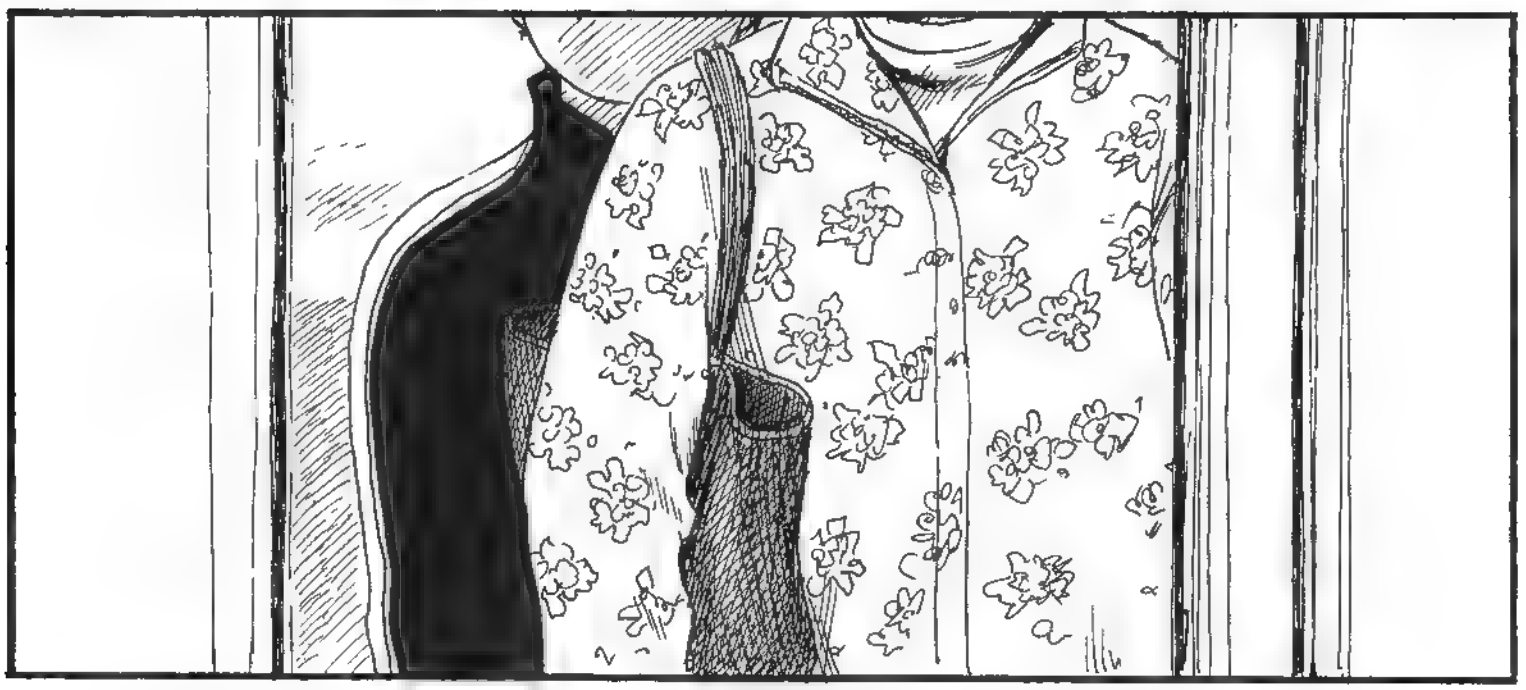
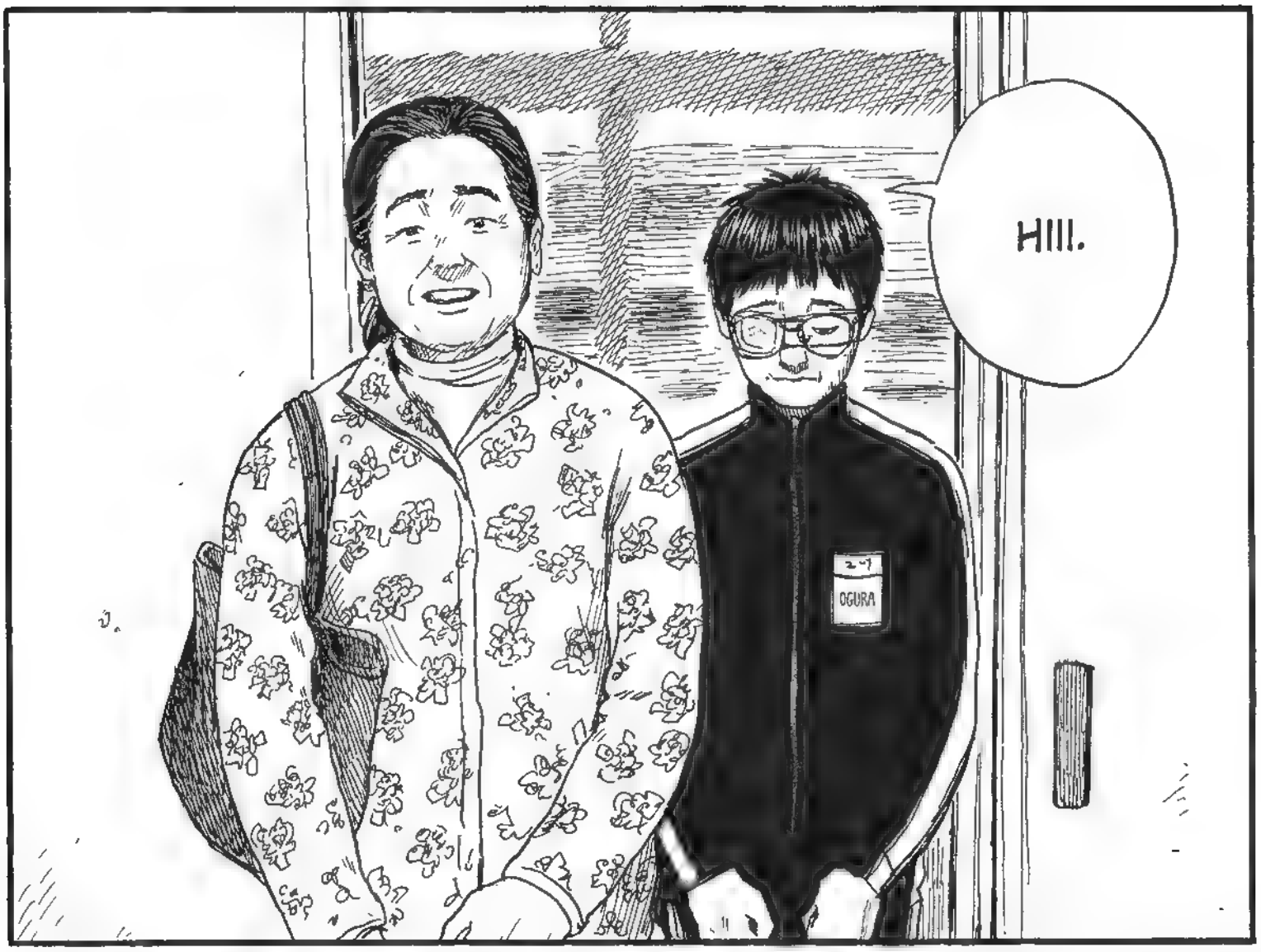
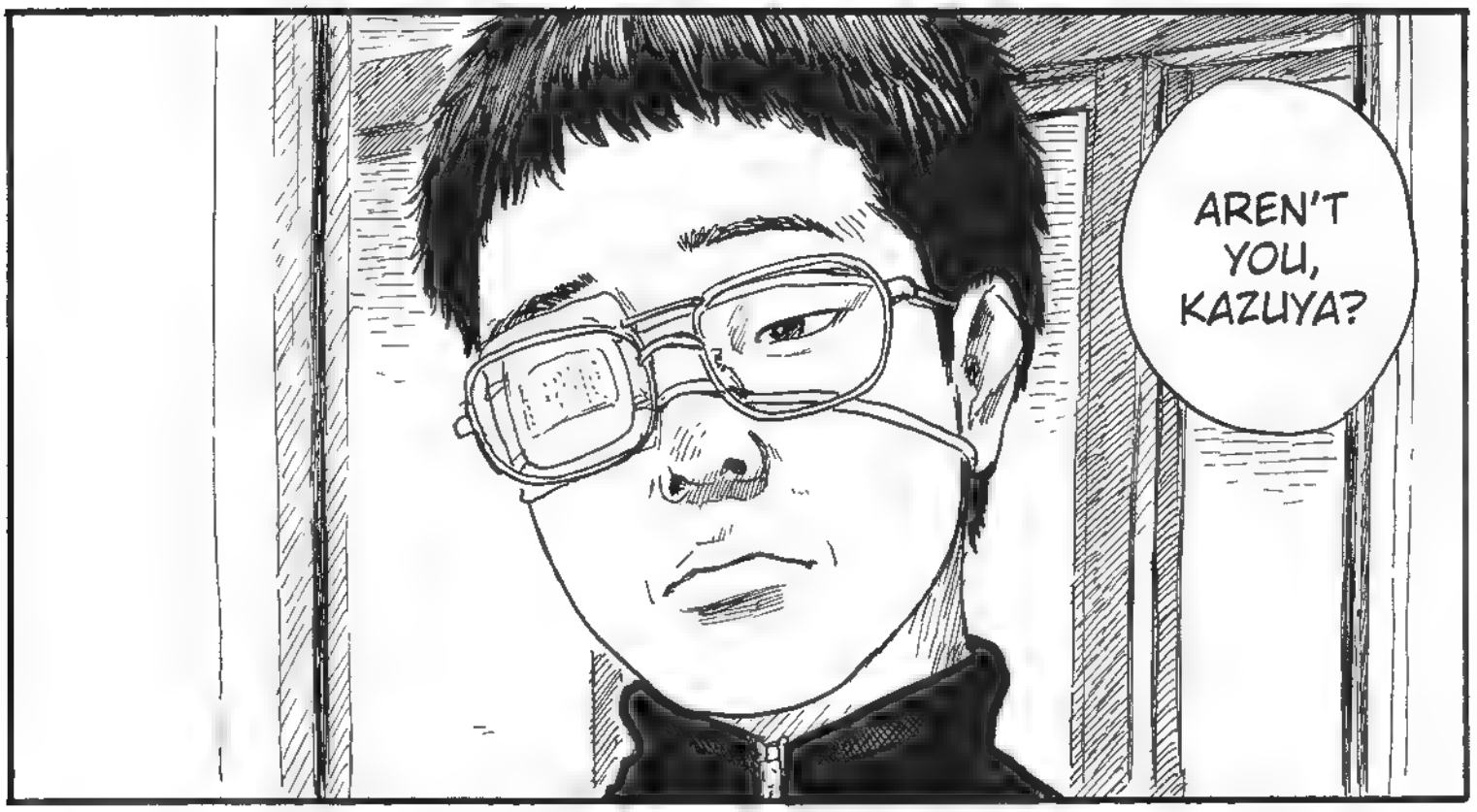


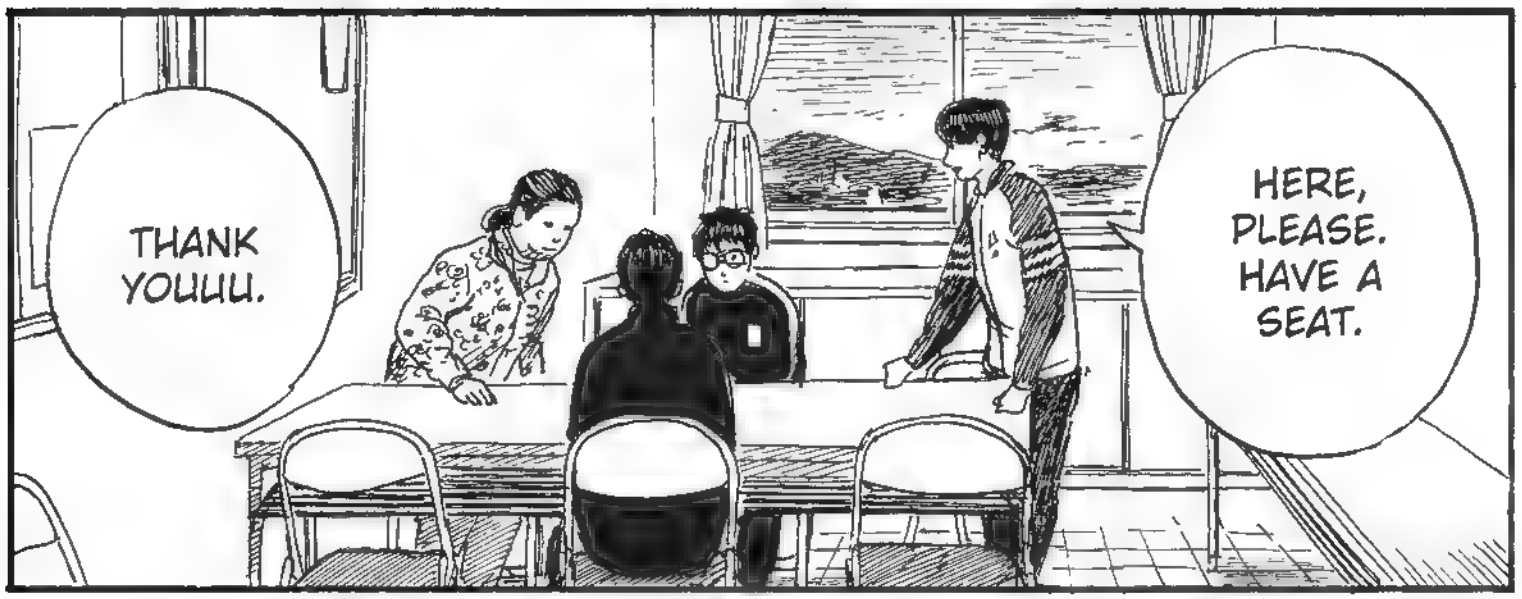



HIII.
OGURA

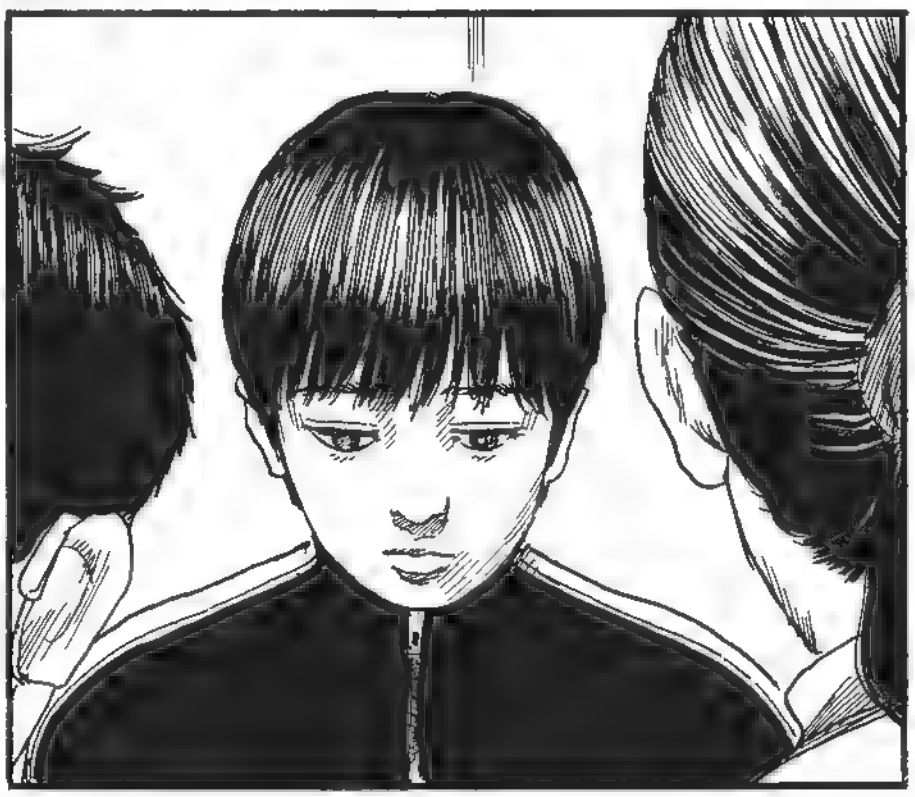
YES...
HE'S MANAG-ING.

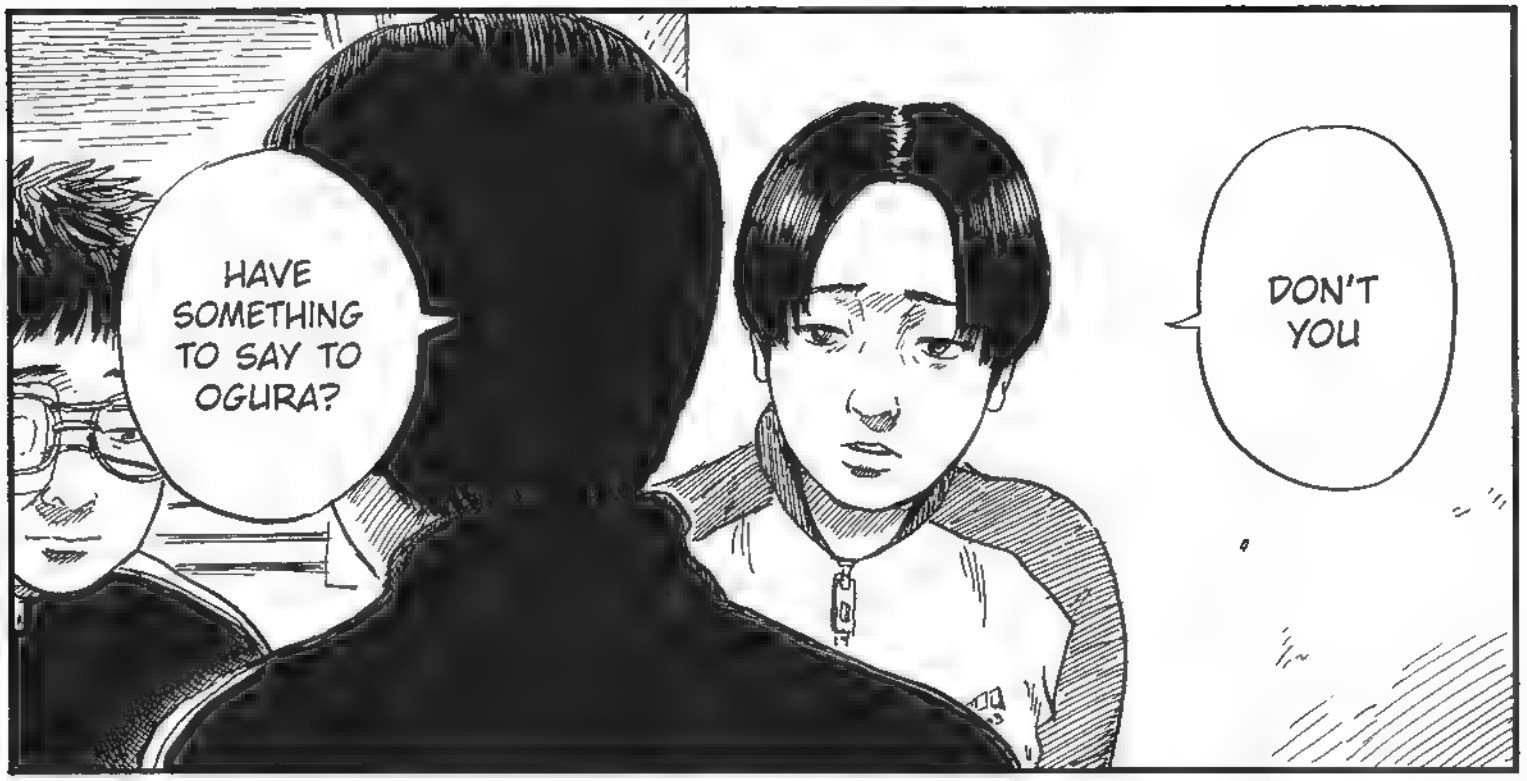
OGURA!
ARE YOU OKAY?

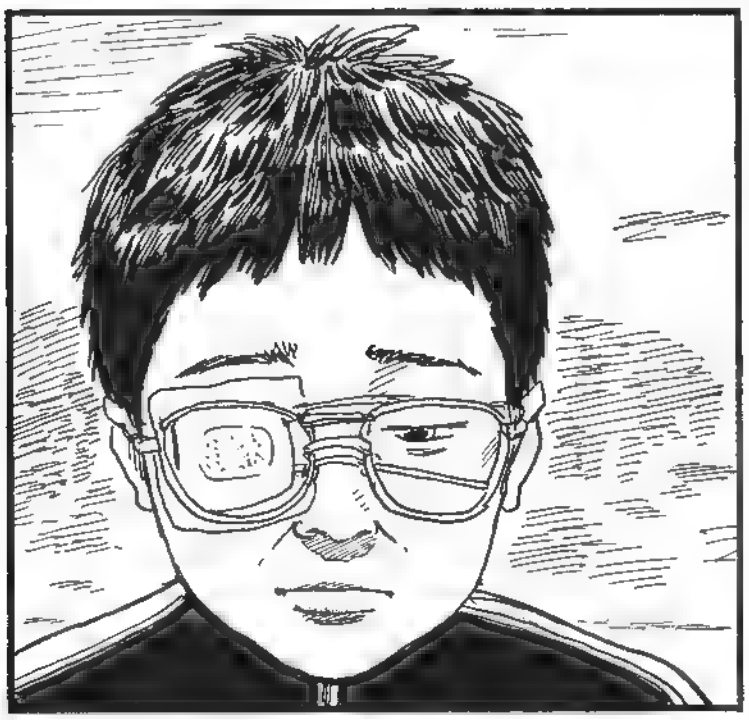

AREN'T YOU, KAZUYA?


THANK YOUUU.
HERE, PLEASE. HAVE A SEAT.

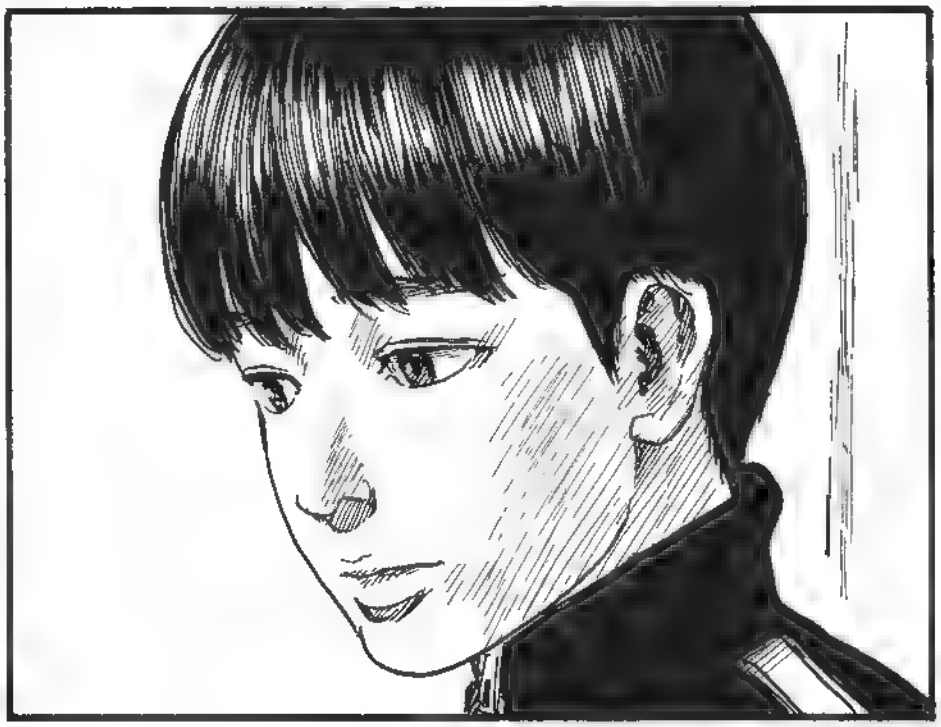
OSABE.




HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO OGURA?
DON'T YOU



COME ON, OSABE.



UNTIL MY... MOTHER GETS HERE.

...I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING,

WHY NOT?

...HUH?

OGURA

OSABE.

YOU HAVE TO APOLOGIZE... COME ON.

YOU HURT OGURA.

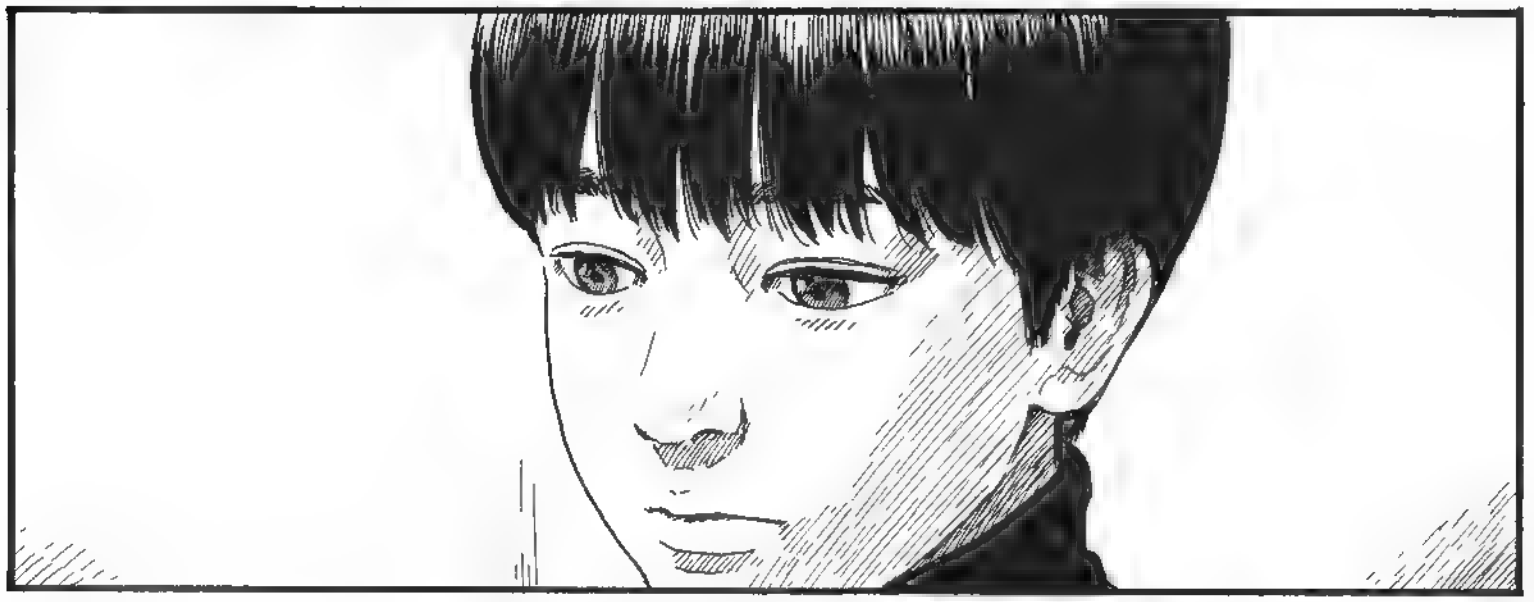
I CAN'T.

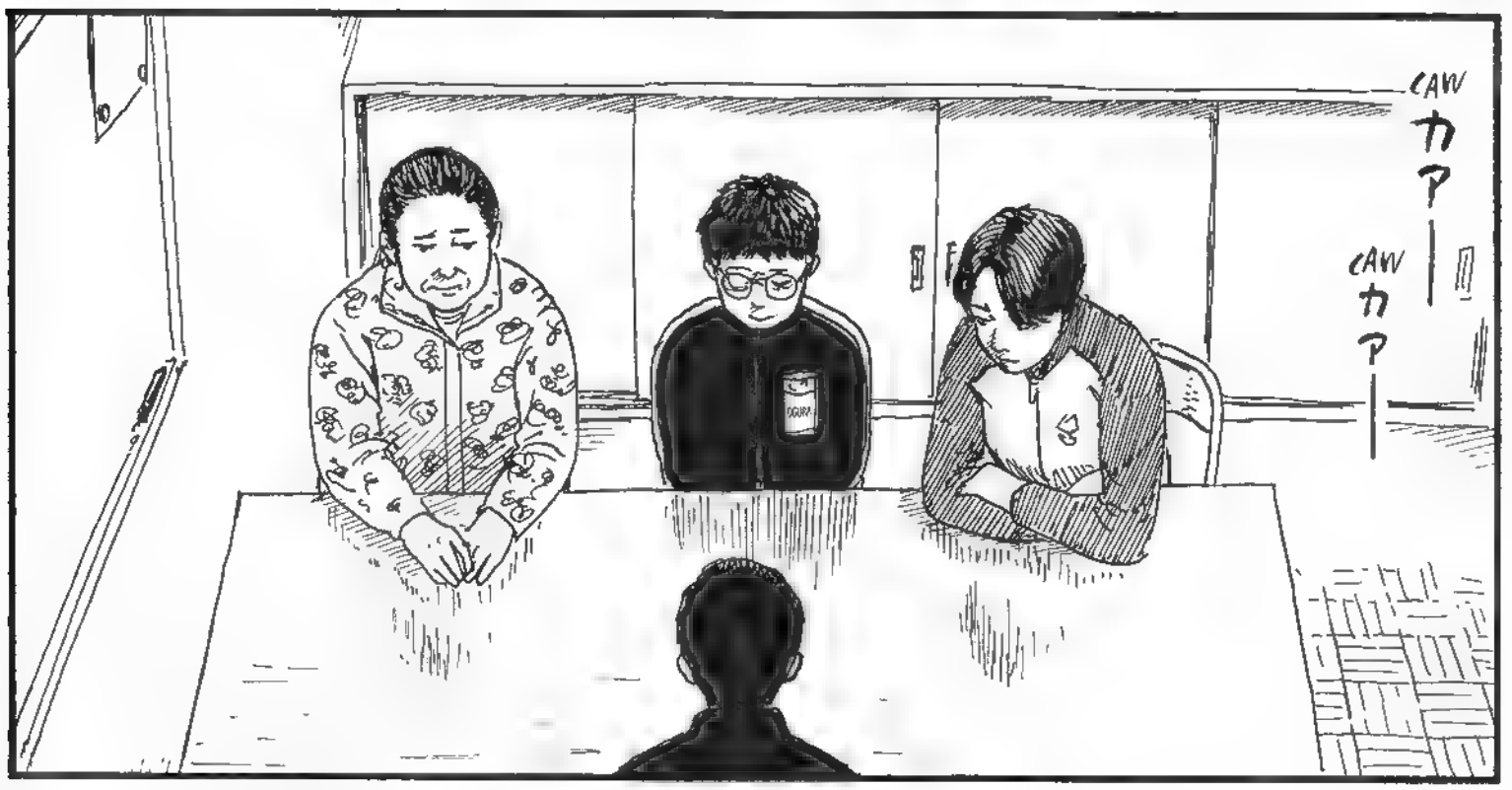
...OSABE.

I KNOW WHAT A GOOD BOY YOU ARE.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WOULD DO SUCH A THING.

IS THAT TRUE? WHAT HAPPENED ...?
KAZUYA SAID... YOU GUYS WERE PLAYING AROUND AND ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU GOT MAD AND STARTED HITTING HIM.

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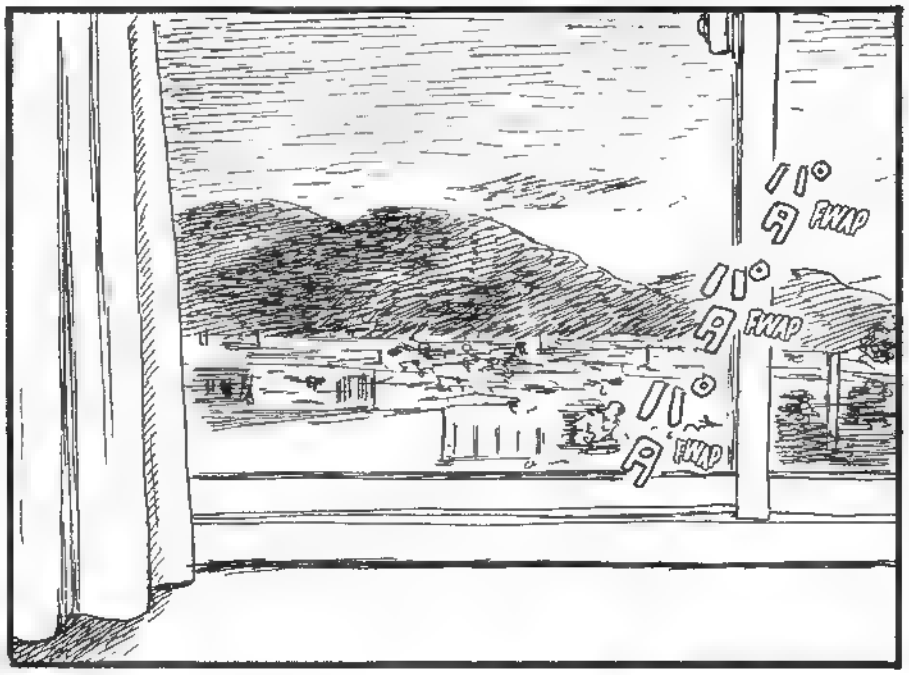
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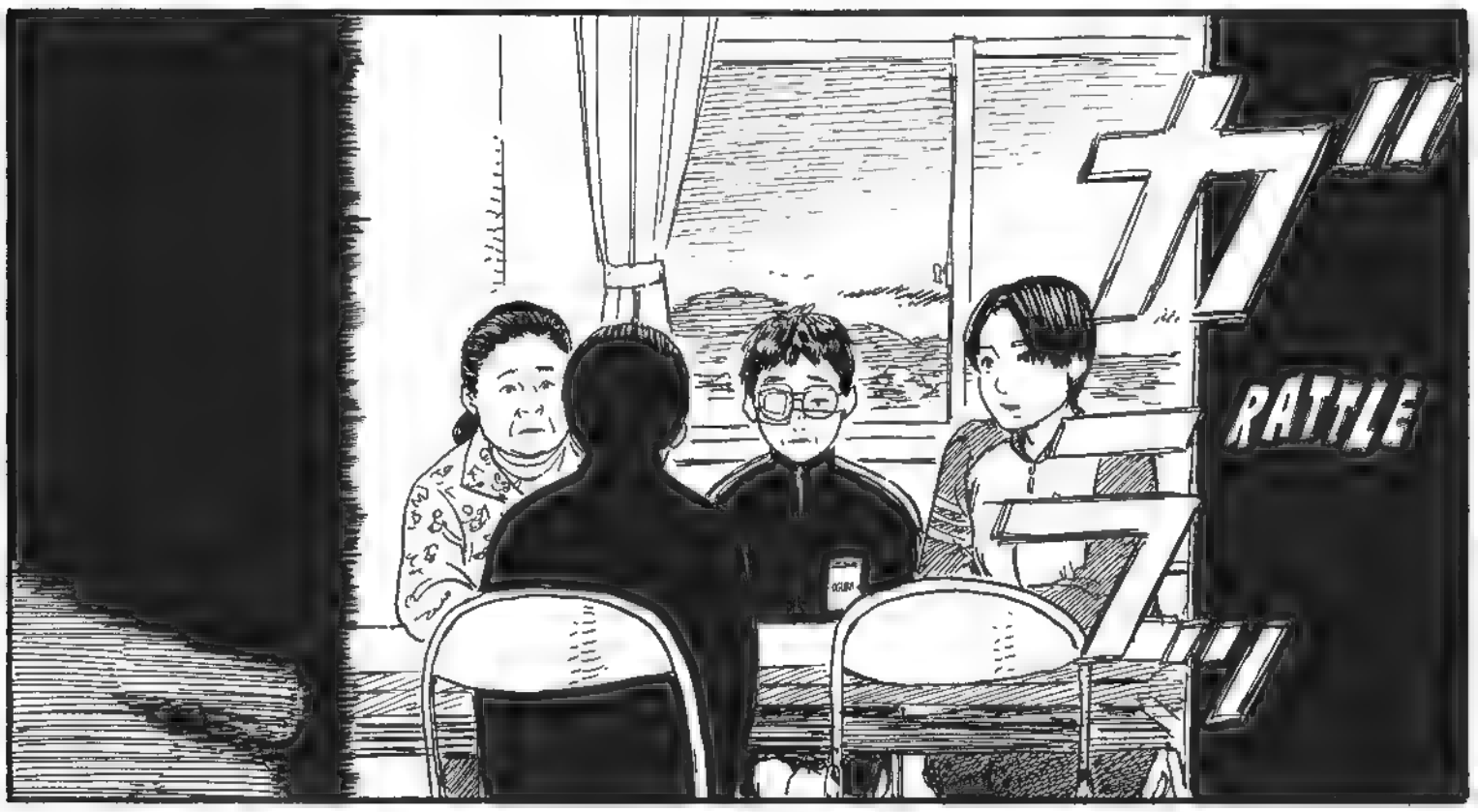
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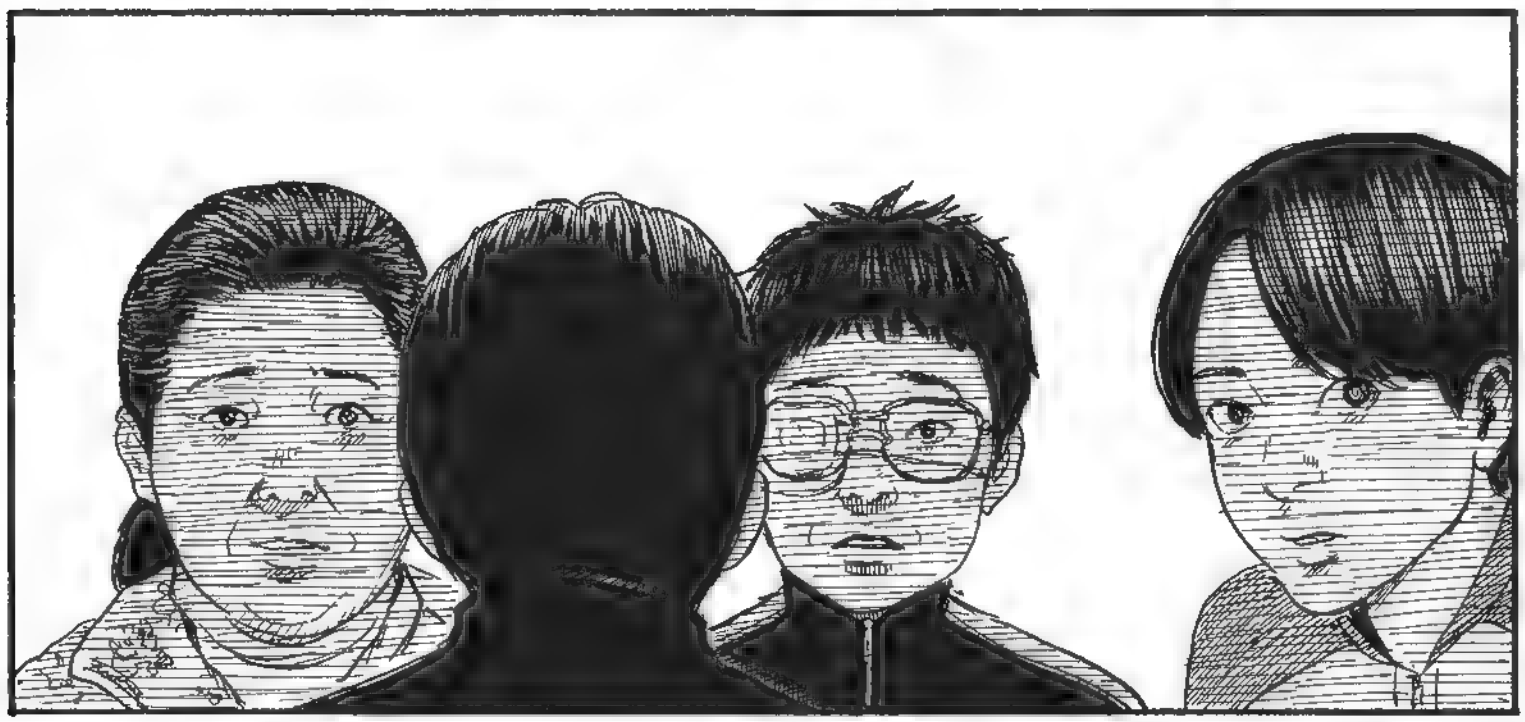
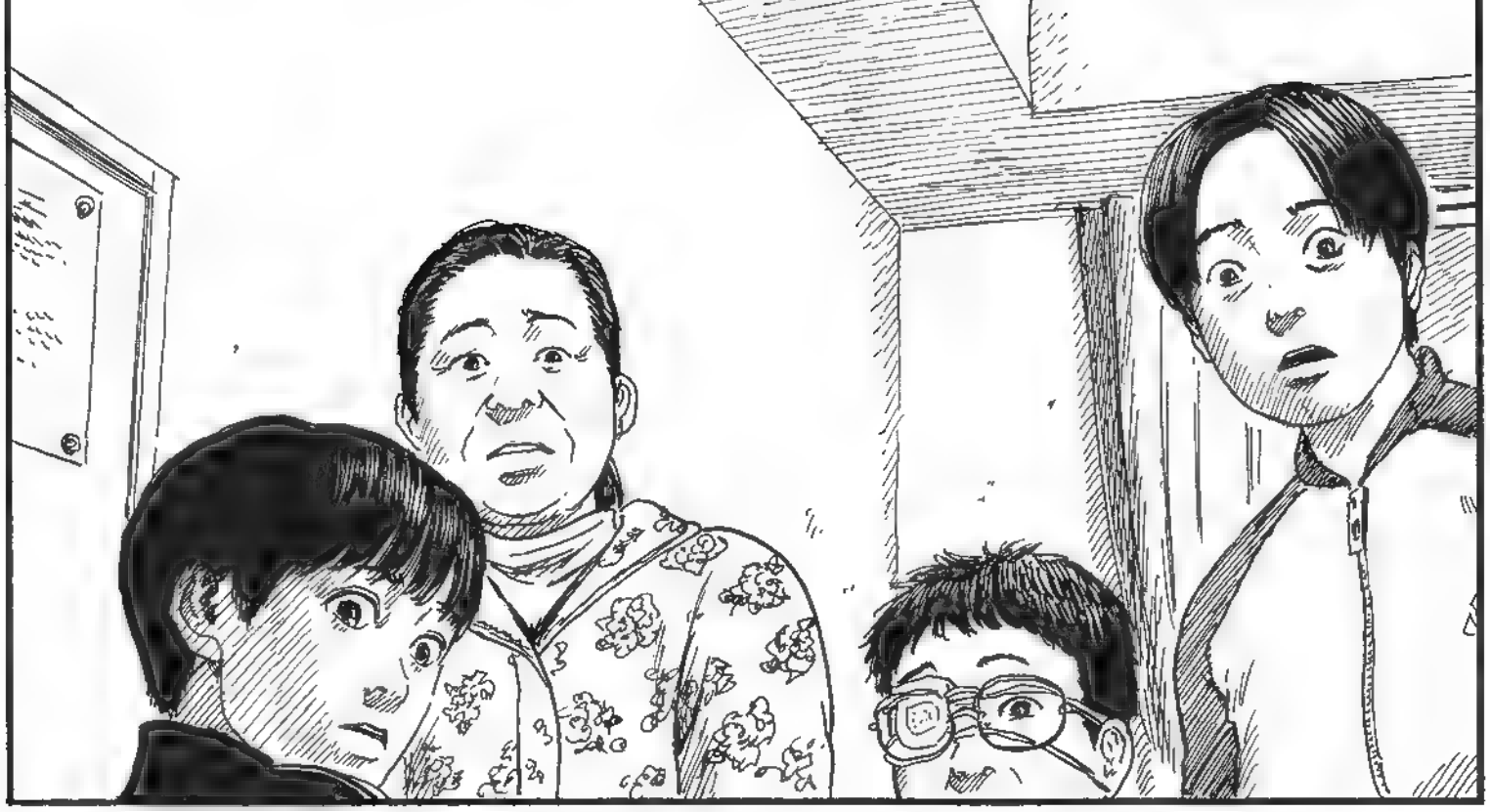


SO VERY SORRYYY!
...I'M SO...



THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT BETTER...
...I KNOW...

PLEASE, FORGIVE ME...!
IT'S MY FAULT...

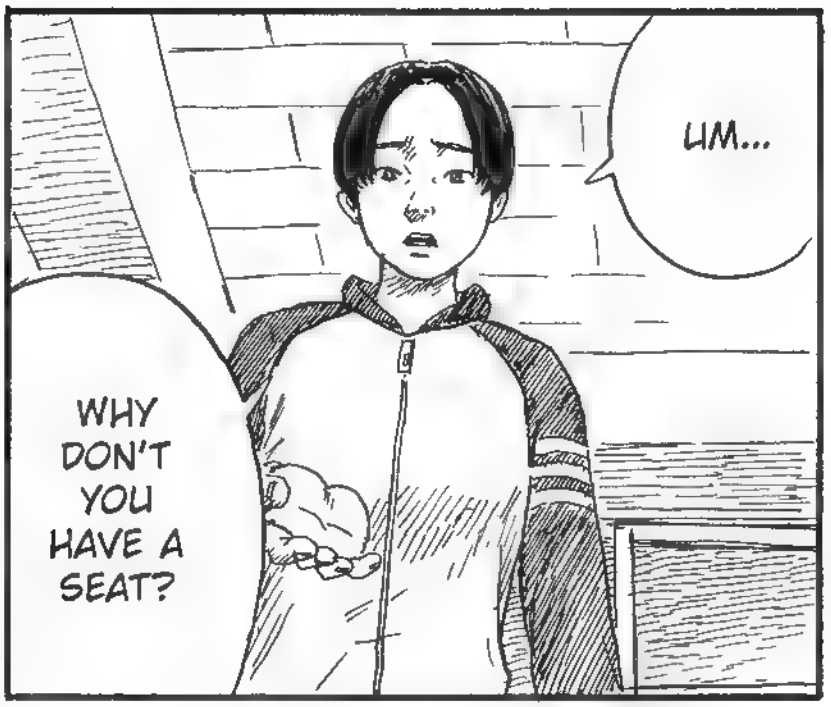
HE'S... NOT HURT THAT BADLY.

UM... MRS. OSABE.

I MEAN... THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING.

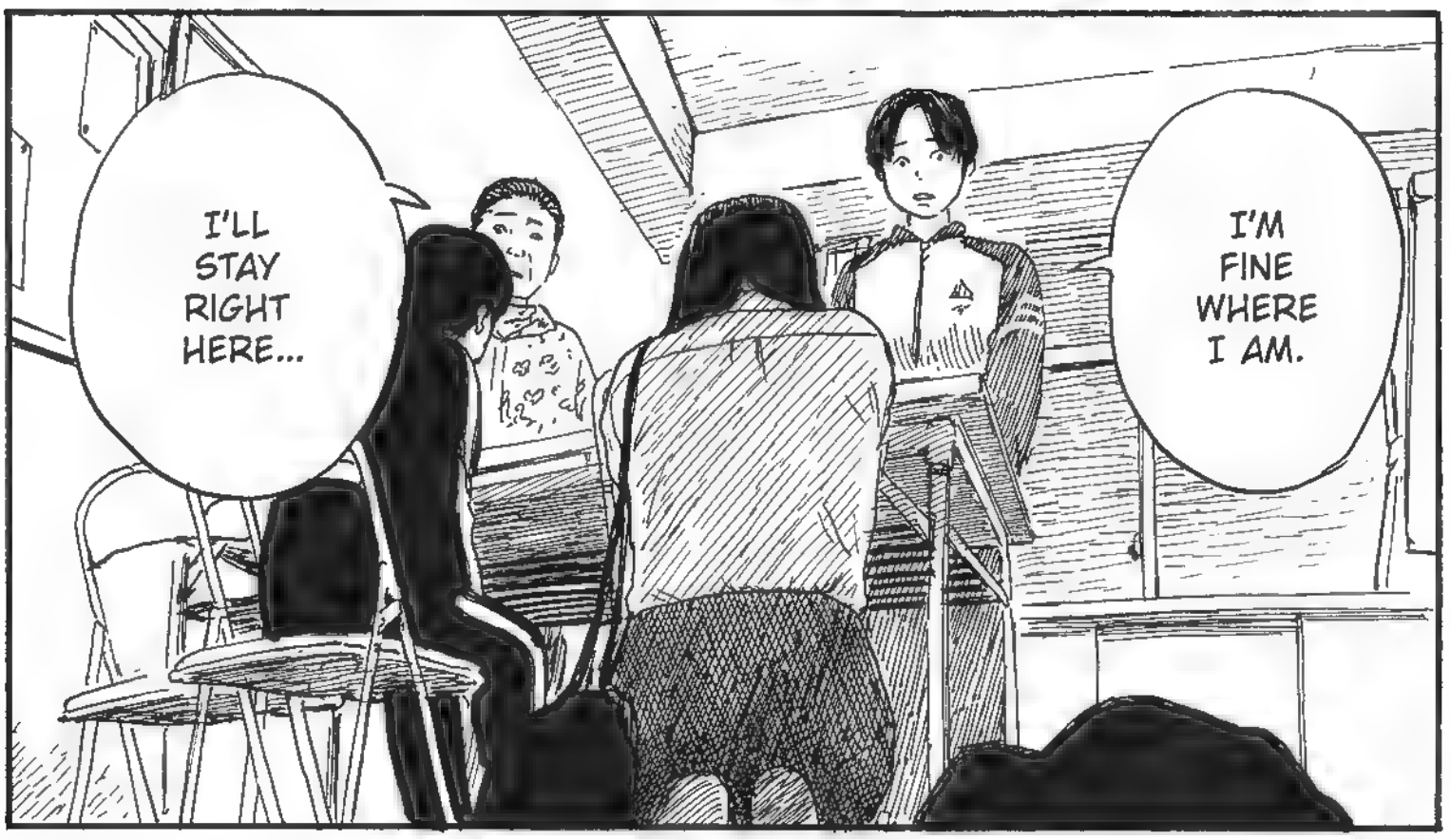
WE'LL PAY FOR THE MEDICAL BILLS... AND HIS GLASSES.

I'M SO SORRY...!

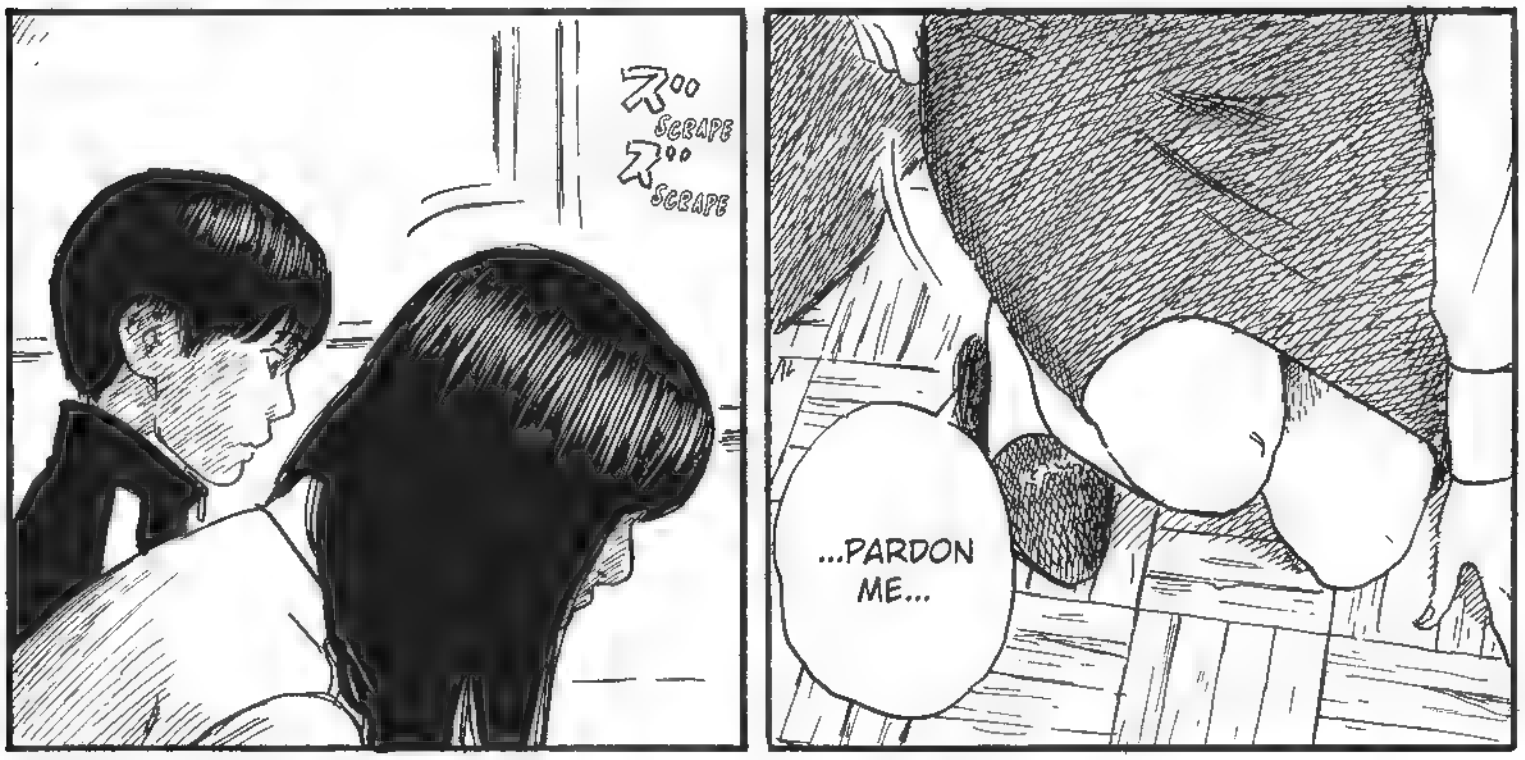

UM...
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A SEAT?

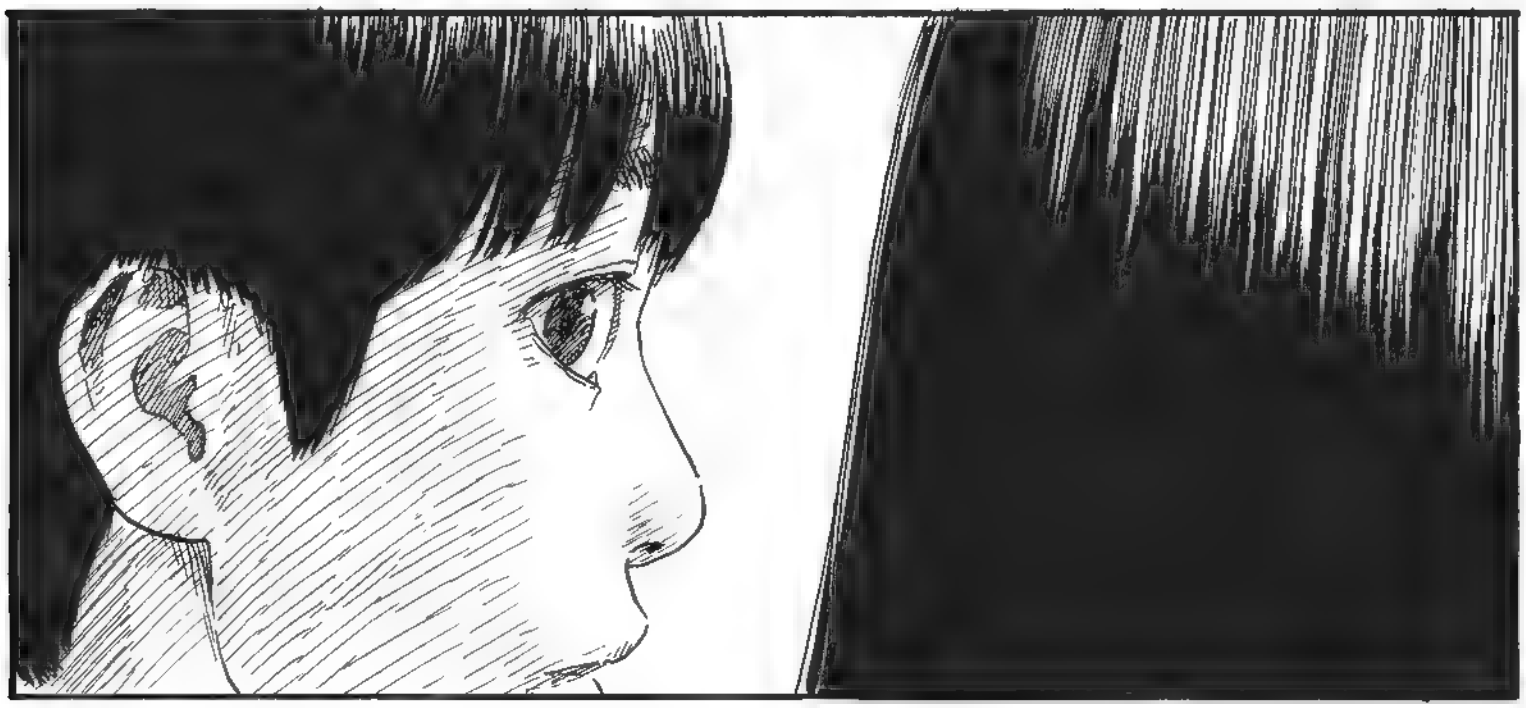
HUH?

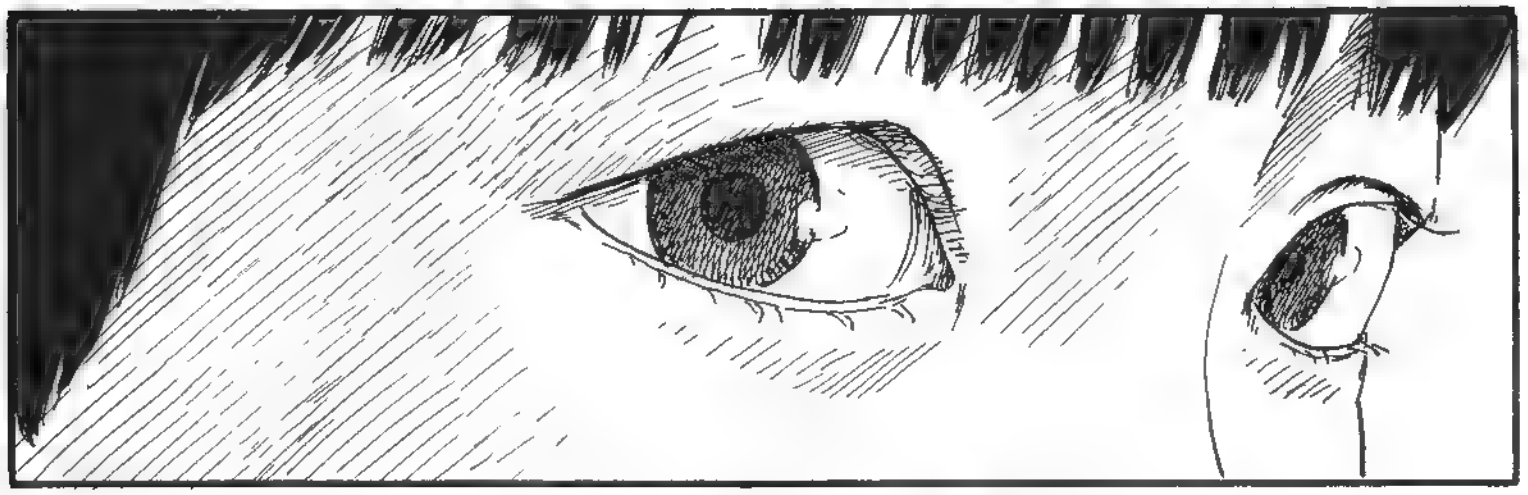
I'LL STAY HERE.
NO... I'M FINE.


I'LL STAY RIGHT HERE...
I'M FINE WHERE I AM.

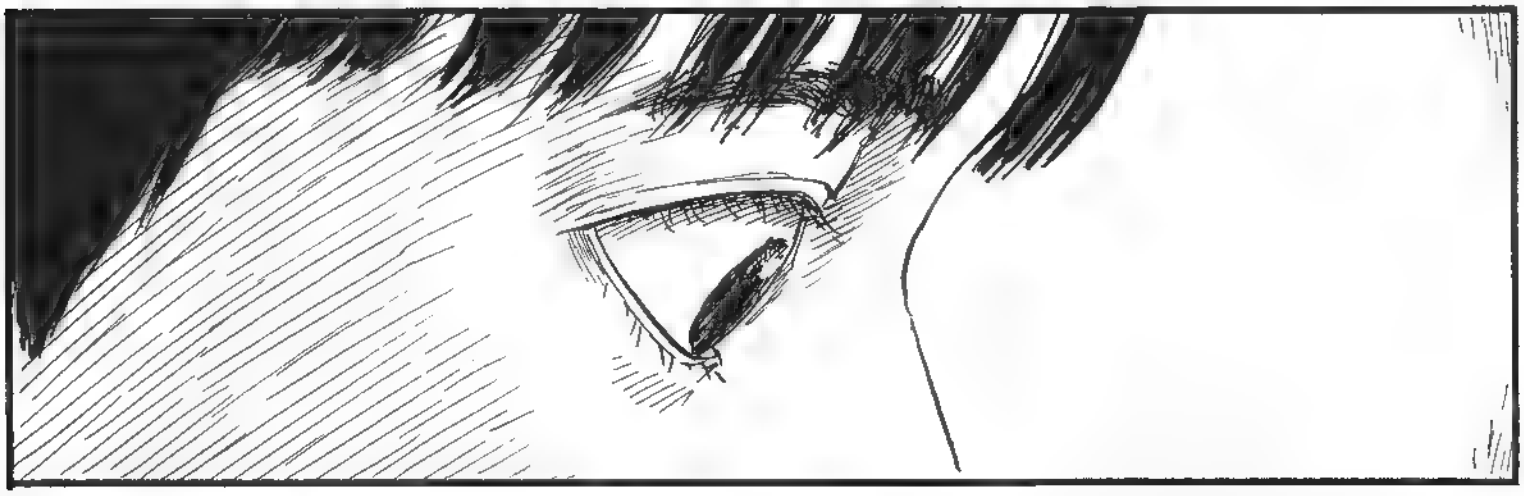
WE CAN'T TALK LIKE THIS!
NO... PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT!

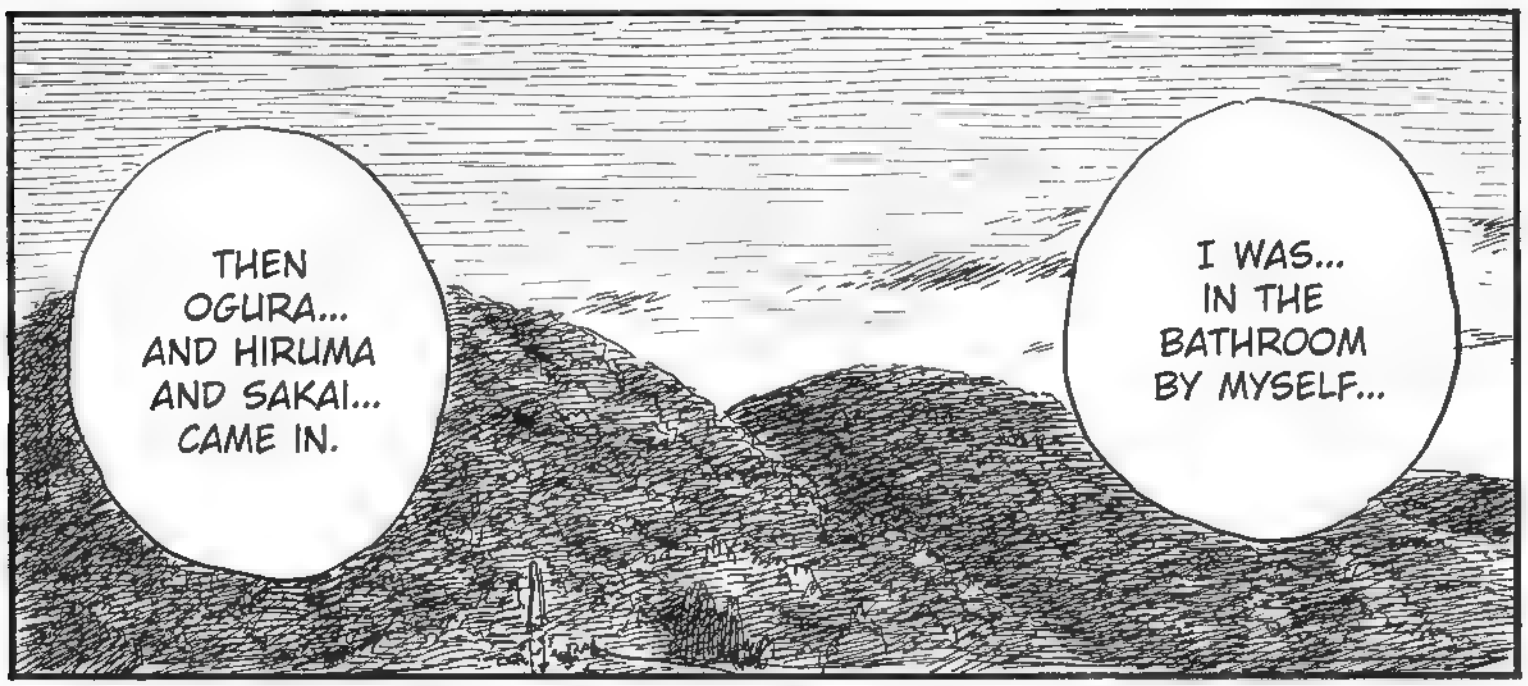

SCRAPE
SCRAPE
...PARDON ME...





ARE YOU READY TO TALK NOW?
HOW DID ALL THIS HAPPEN?
OKAY... OSABE.




THEN OGURA... AND HIRUMA AND SAKAI... CAME IN.
I WAS... IN THE BATHROOM BY MYSELF...

AND THEY MESSED IT ALL UP... GOT IT ALL WET...

THEY SAID... THEY WERE GONNA DO MY HAIR...

SO... I...

SO I...

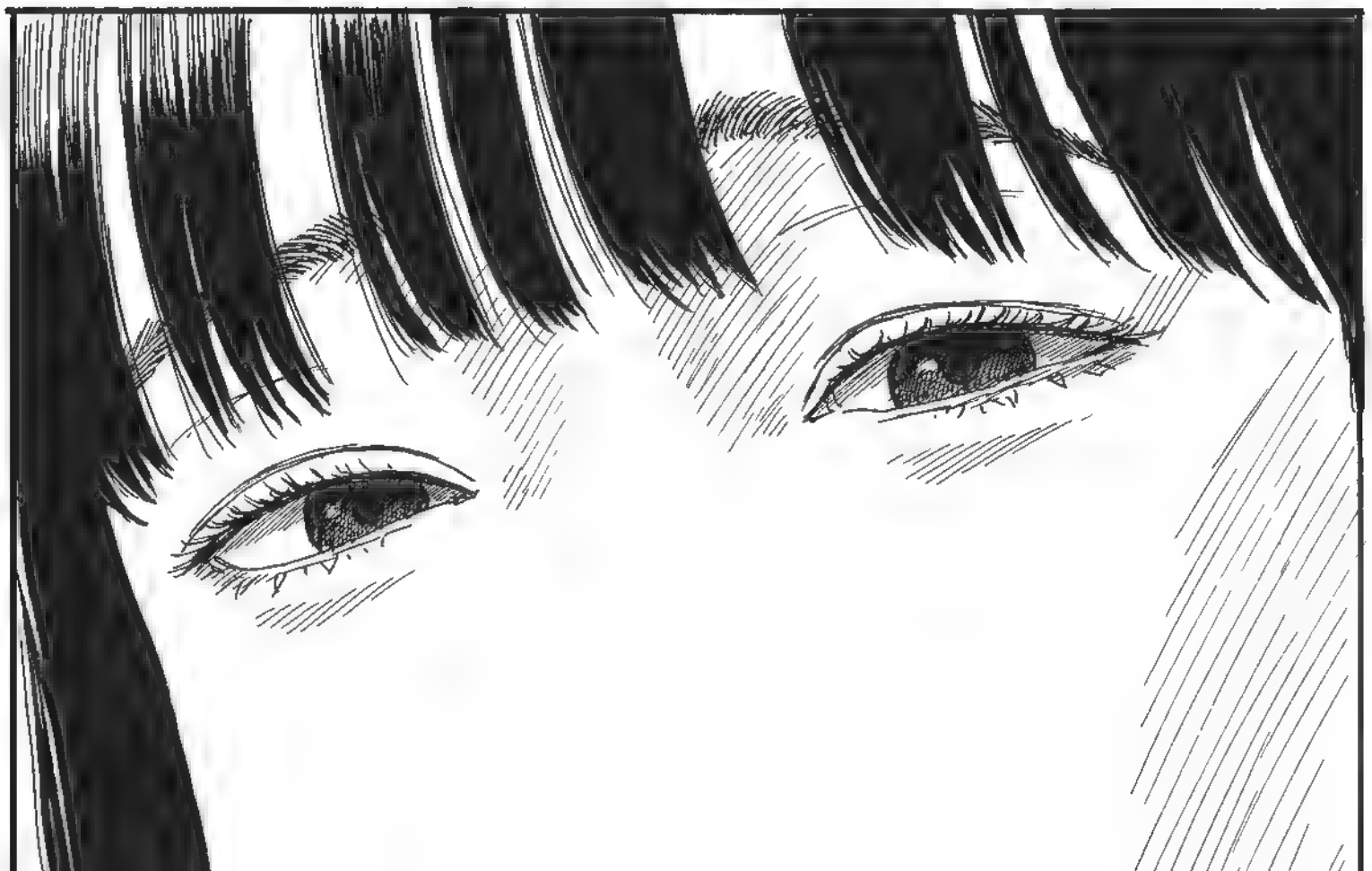
EVERYONE... EVERYTHING... IS DEAD. SO I FIGURED...

THEY'RE ALL DEAD.

IT'S ALL AN ILLUSION ANYWAY. ALL GARBAGE.

IT DOESN'T MATTER.

SO,
I HIT HIM.



WHAT... ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

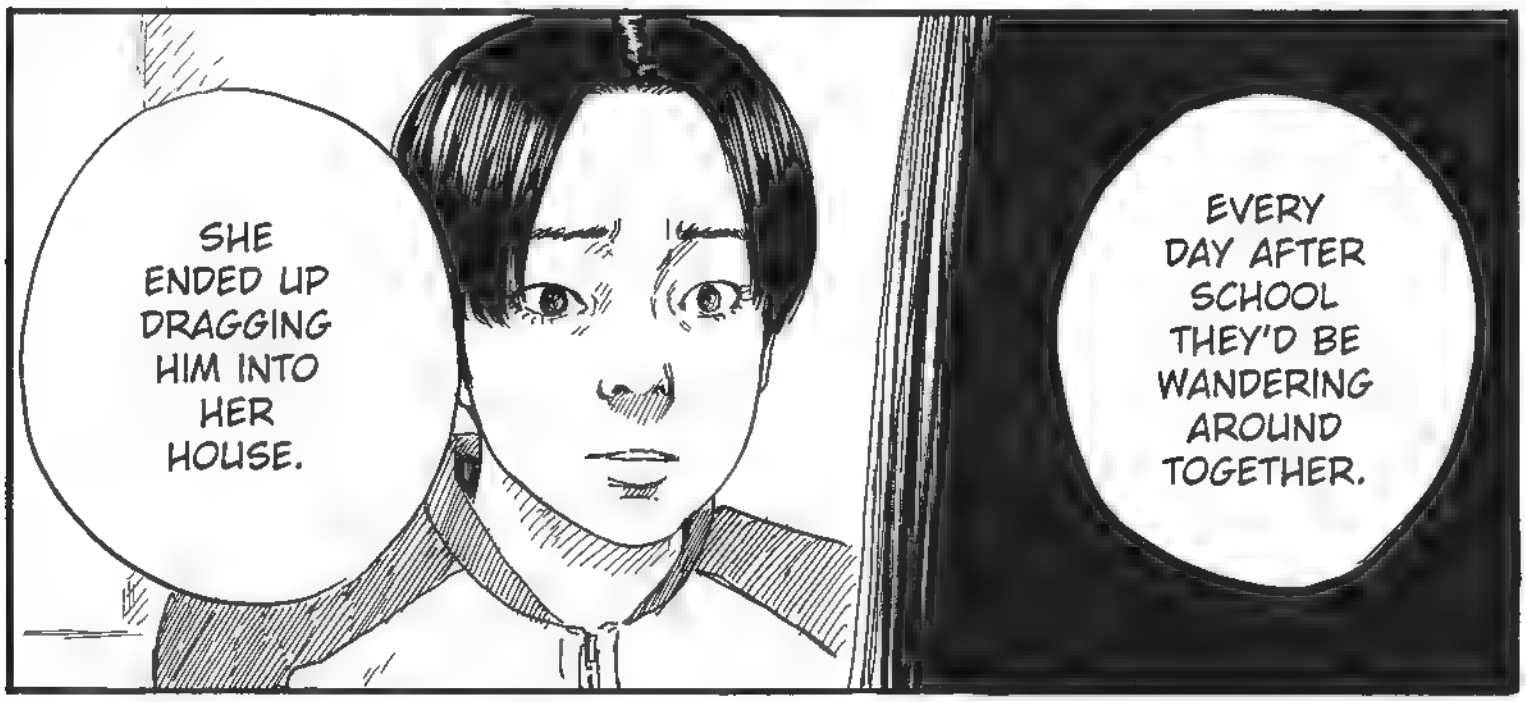
OSABE...

...HUH?

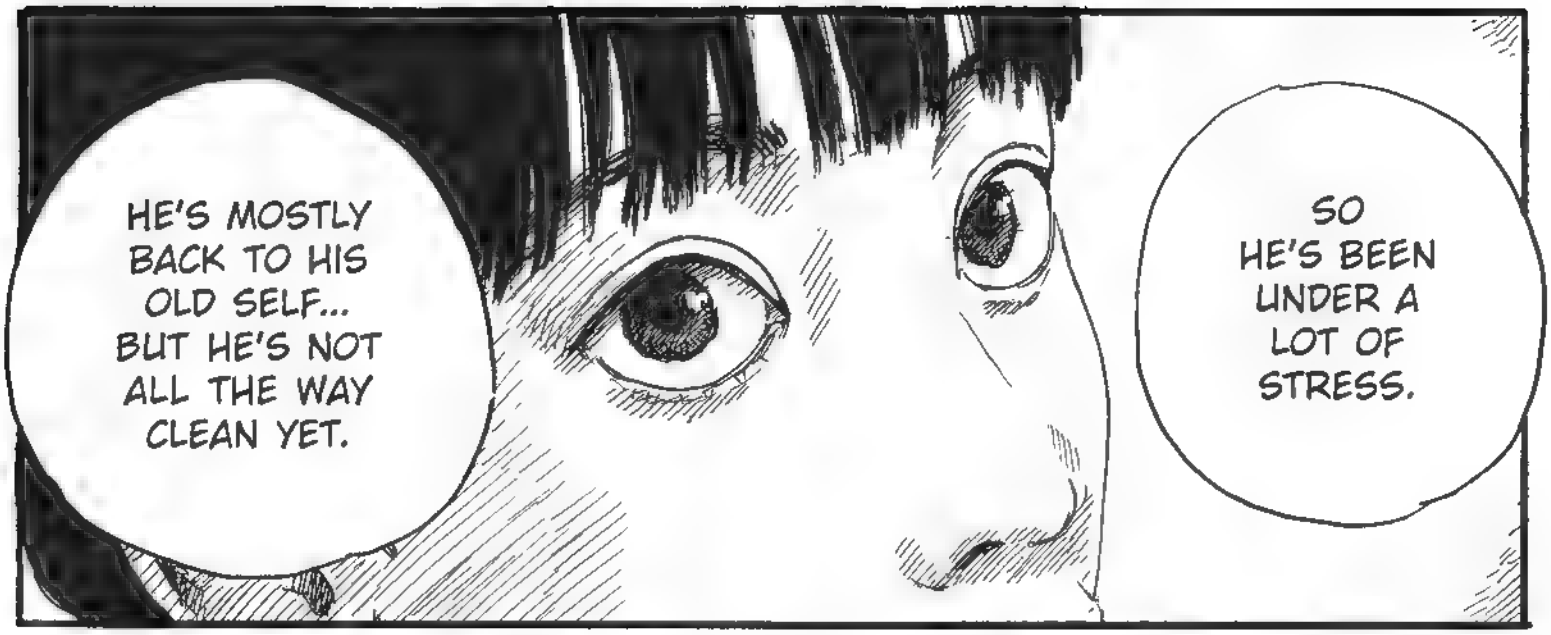
IF I MAY.

THIS IS ALL YUIKO FUKIISHI'S FAULT.

THAT SHE'S BEEN MANIPULATING MY SON?
DID YOU NOT KNOW?


SHE ENDED UP DRAGGING HIM INTO HER HOUSE.
EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL THEY'D BE WANDERING AROUND TOGETHER.

DIRTY... SHE MADE HIM DIRTY.
AND SHE DID... BAD THINGS TO HIM.


HE'S MOSTLY BACK TO HIS OLD SELF... BUT HE'S NOT ALL THE WAY CLEAN YET.
SO HE'S BEEN UNDER A LOT OF STRESS.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT,
SEI?

YES.

RATTLE
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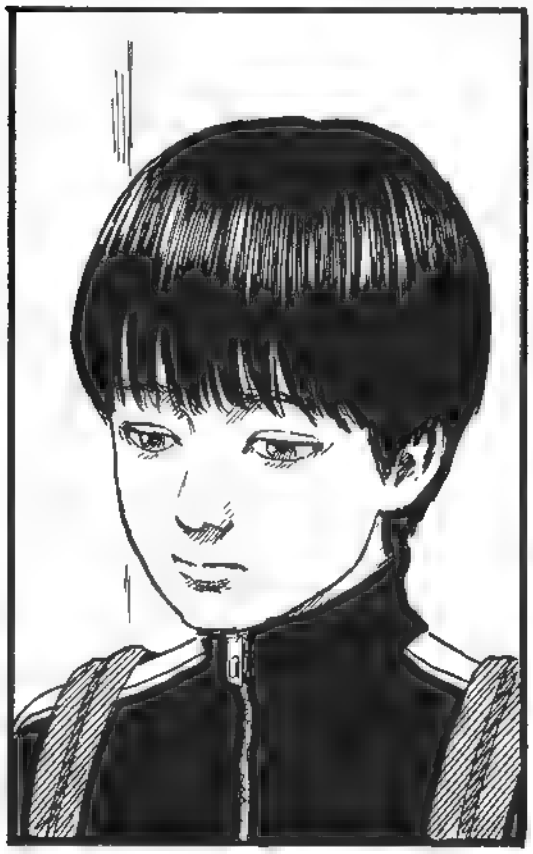
I AM TRULY, TRULY SORRY.
I'LL COME GIVE YOU A PROPER APOLOGY LATER...

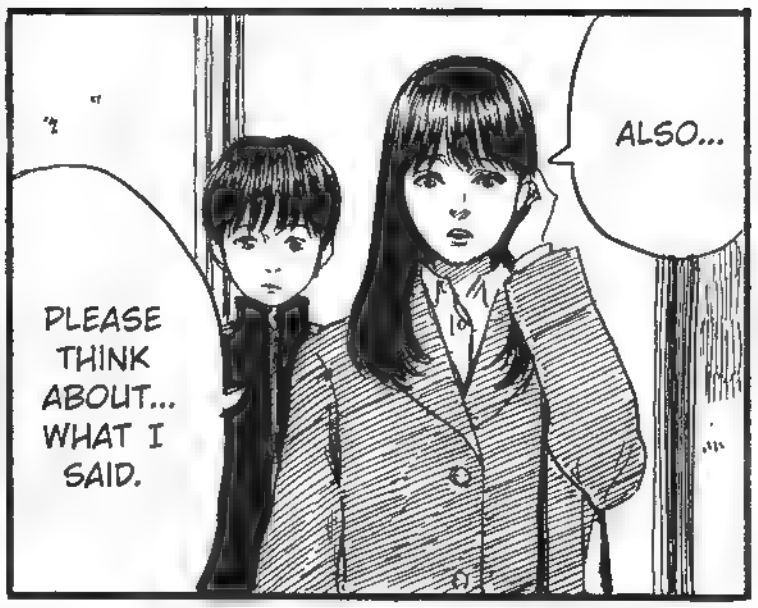
OKAY ...
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY.



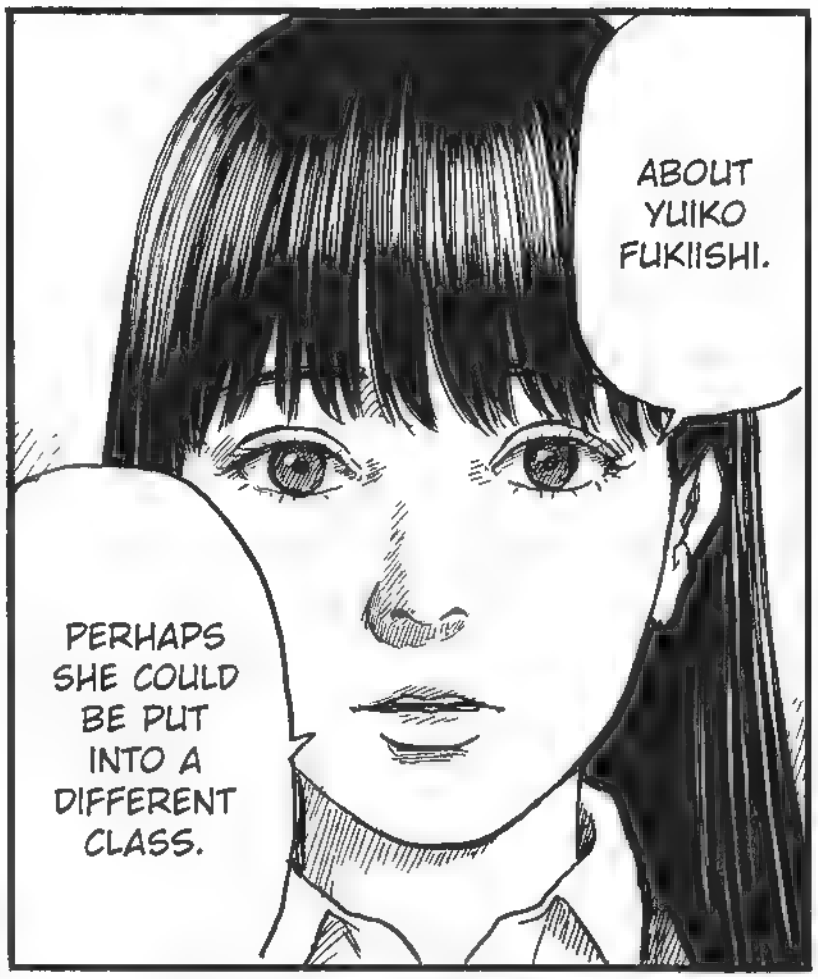
IT WAS PARTLY MY SON'S FAULT, TOO...

OH, NO... NO NEED FOR ALL THAT.
OGURA

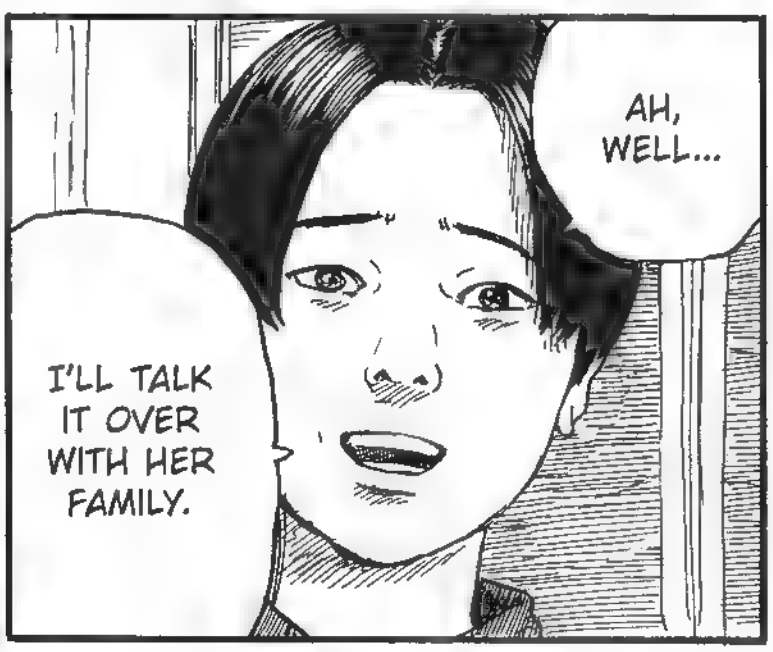
HM?


ALSO...
PLEASE THINK ABOUT... WHAT I SAID.

PLEASE CONSIDER IT.
SEIICHI IS A VICTIM HERE.


ABOUT YUIKO FUKIISHI.
PERHAPS SHE COULD BE PUT INTO A DIFFERENT CLASS.

WE CAN REVISIT IT LATER.

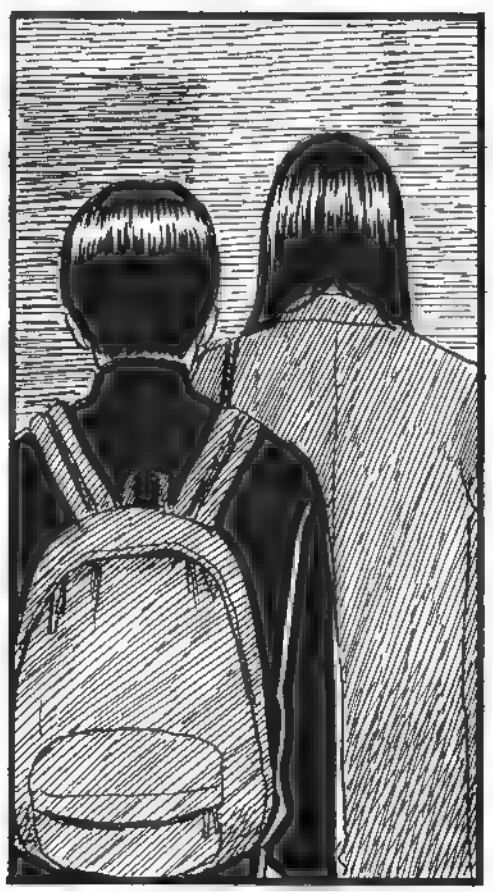

AH, WELL...
I'LL TALK IT OVER WITH HER FAMILY.

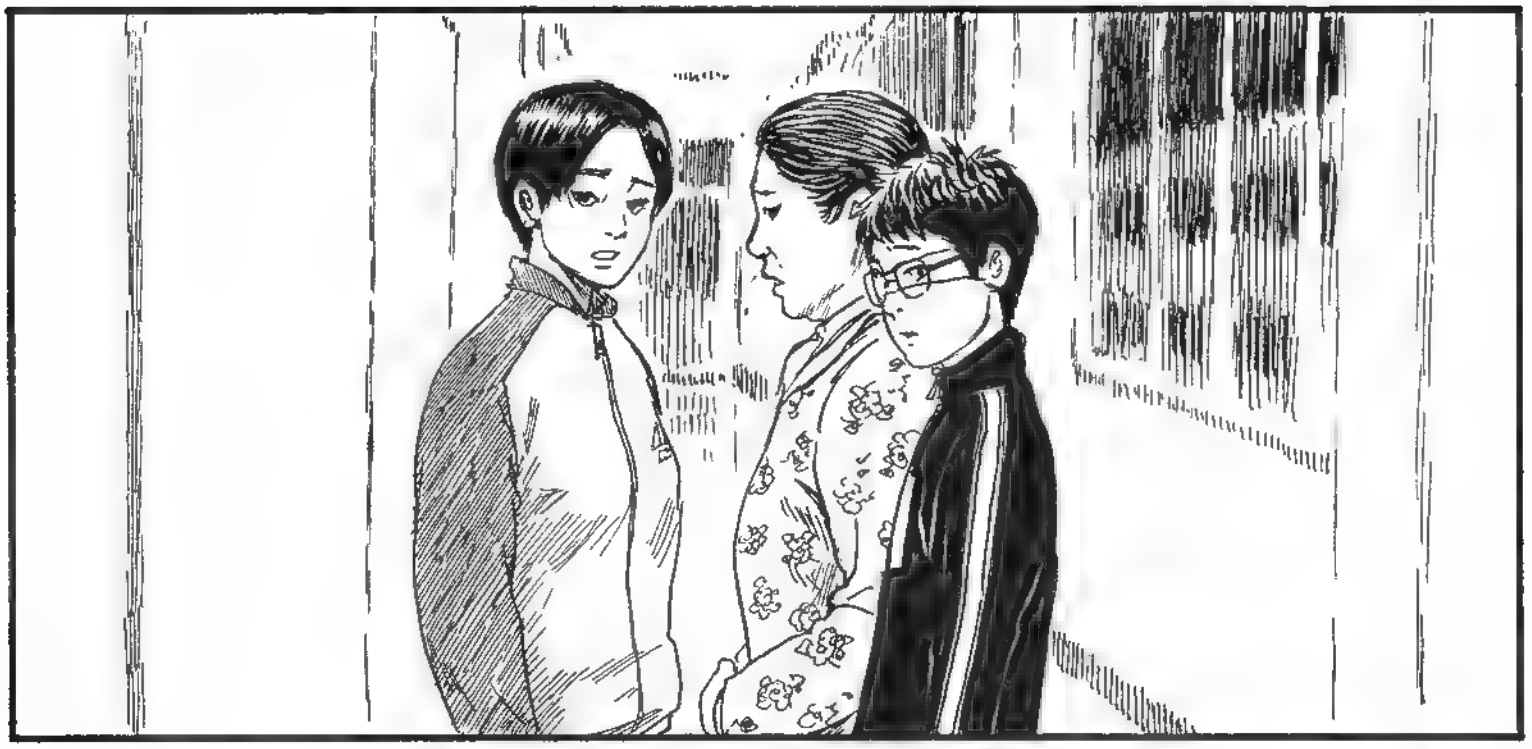
...ALL RIGHT.

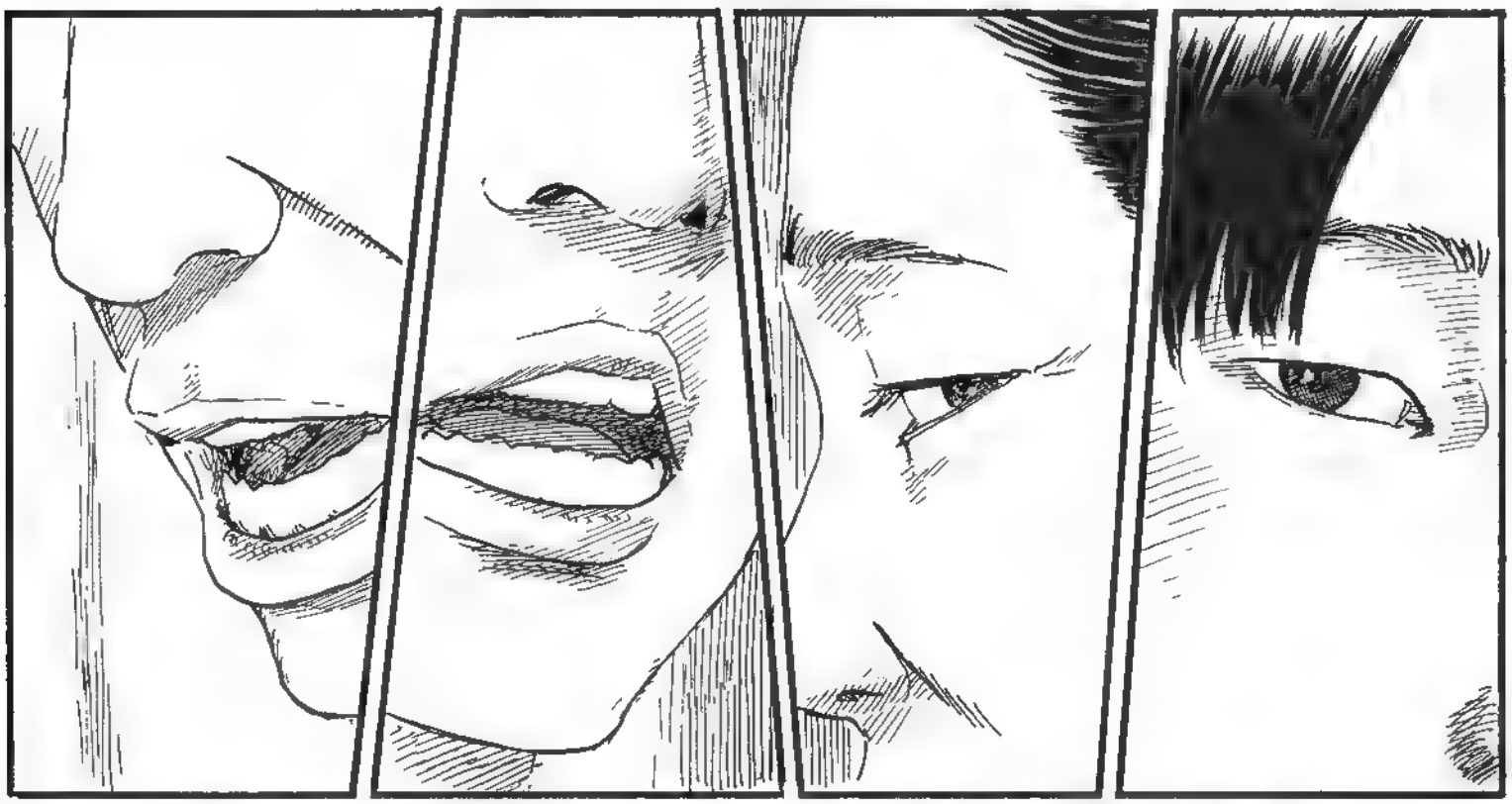
WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY THEN.

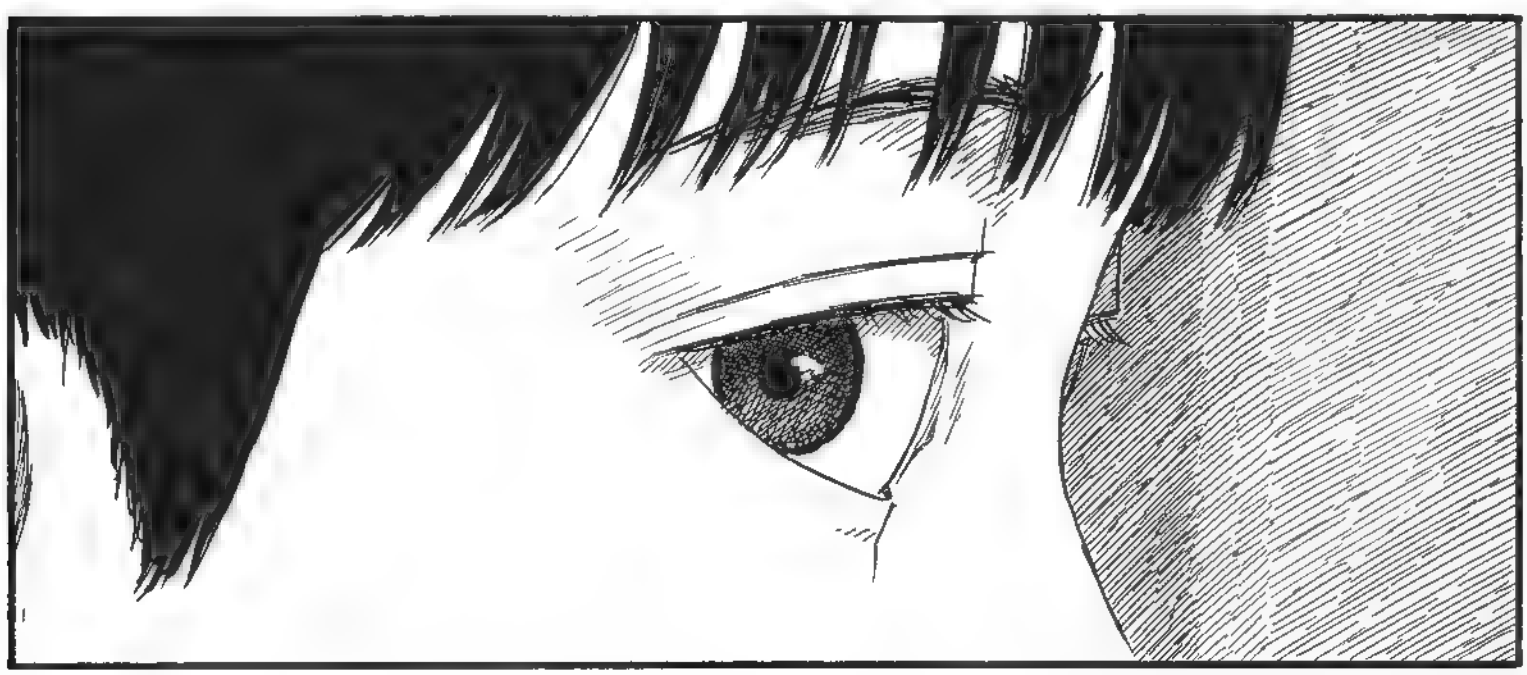
FOR NOW, GO ON HOME.

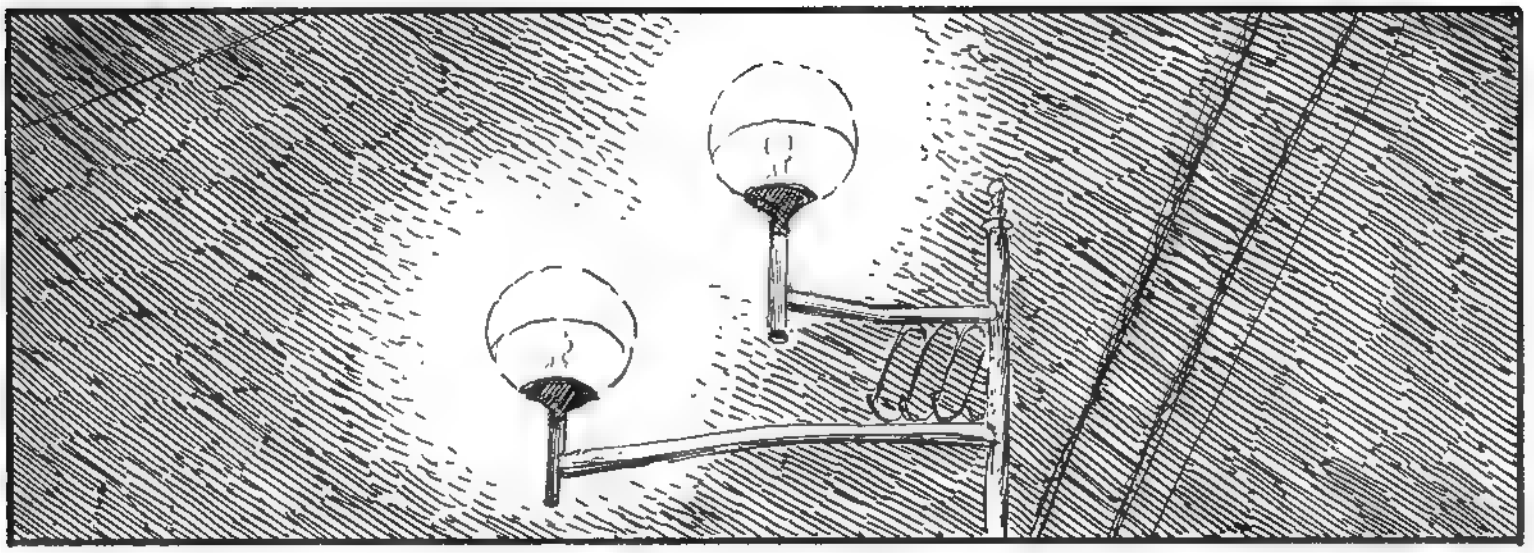
I STILL HAVE A FEW THINGS LEFT TO DISCUSS WITH MRS. OGURA...

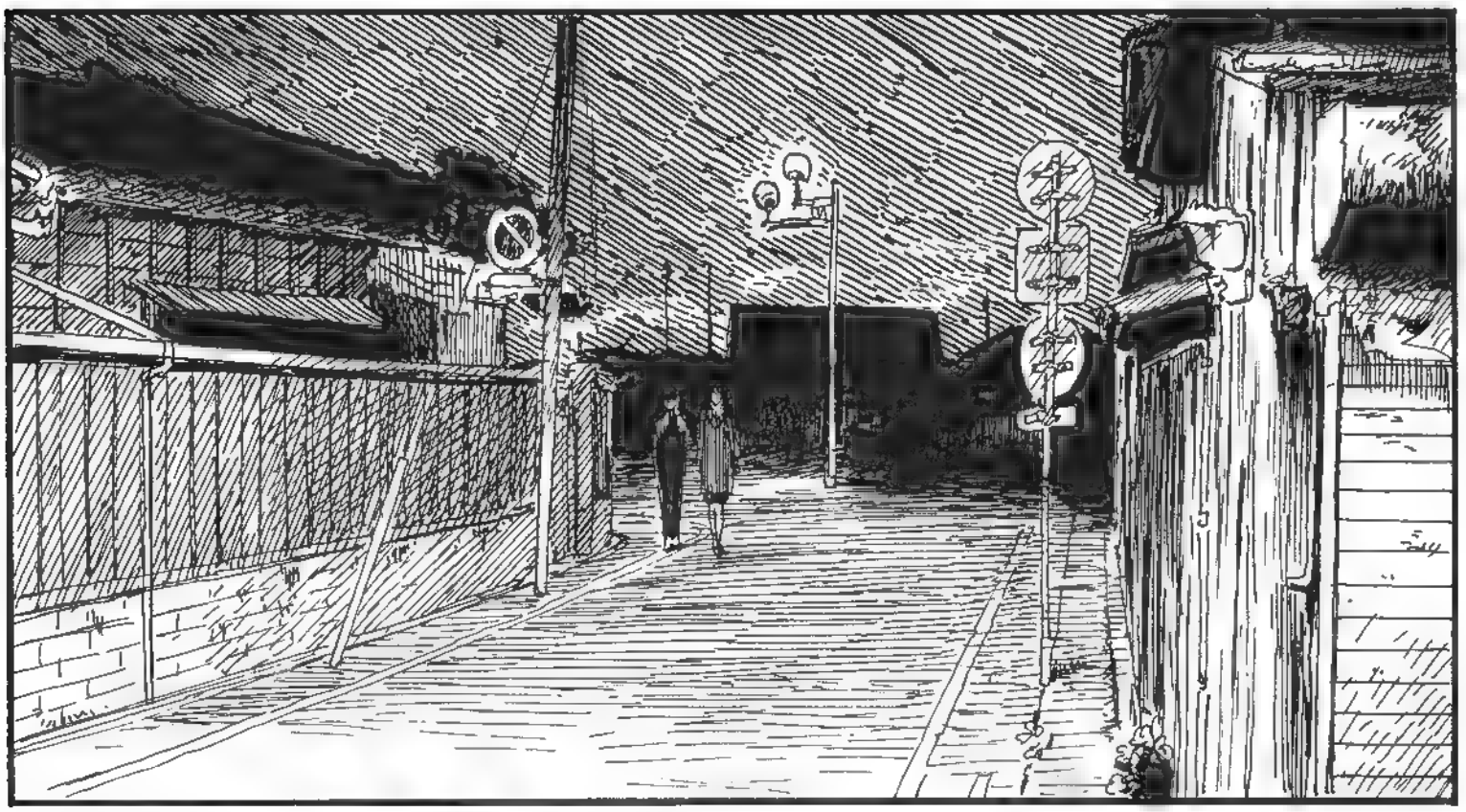


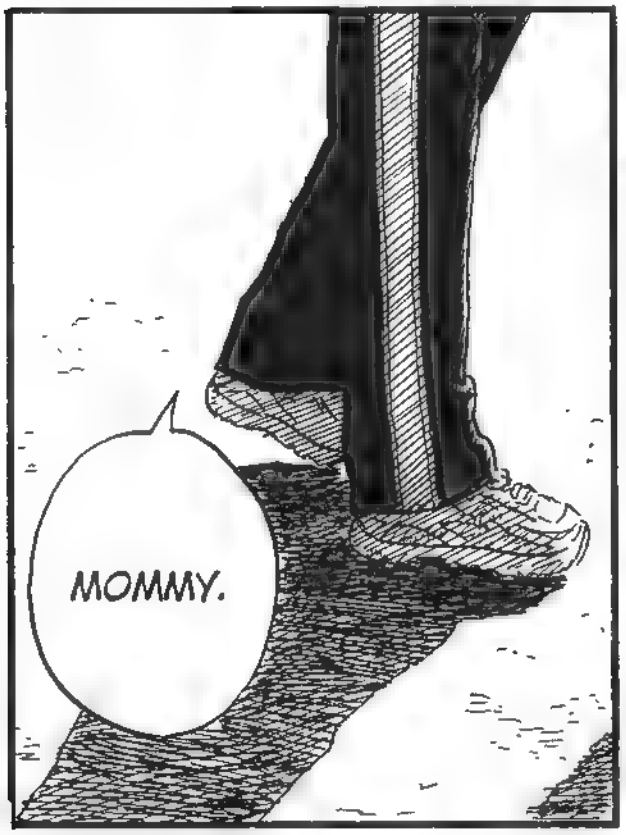











MOMMY.

WOW,
IT'S SO DARK ALREADY.

I'M SORRY.

SEI...

JUST WATCH OUT FROM NOW ON.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

ABOUT HOW EVERYONE WAS DEAD.

WHEN SHE ASKED YOU WHY YOU HIT OGURA?

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WERE SAYING BEFORE?

SO IT DIDN'T MATTER.

ALL GARBAGE.

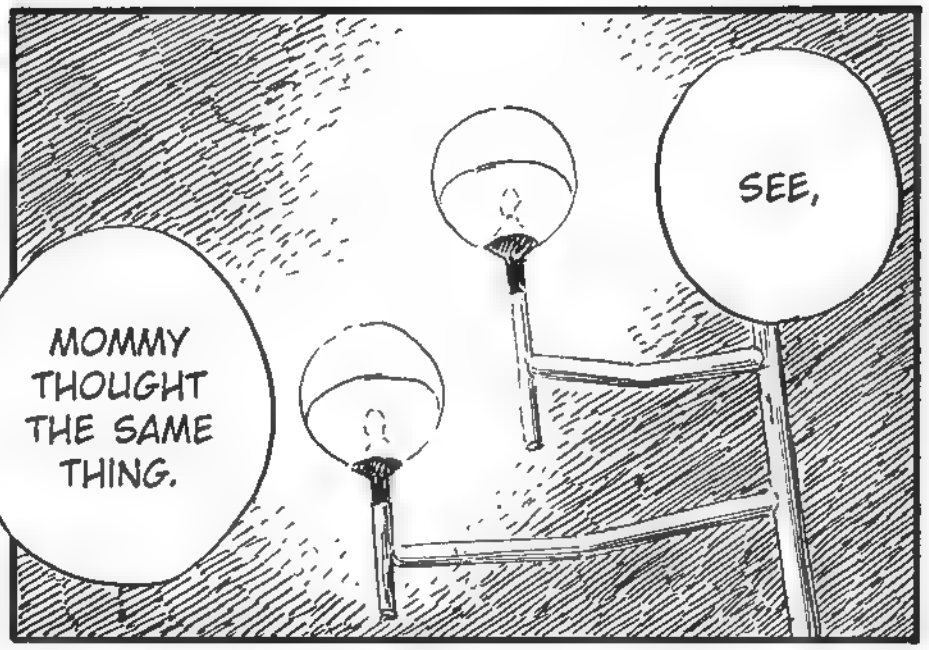
THAT IT WAS ALL AN ILLUSION.

DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?

WHAT ...

...I...

...I...


SEE,
MOMMY THOUGHT THE SAME THING.

MAYBE I STILL DO...

AT YOUR AGE.
STARTING AROUND JUNIOR HIGH.

...I...
THE WAY YOU FEEL.
I... UNDER-STAND.
SEI.

MIND IF WE

TAKE A LITTLE DETOUR?

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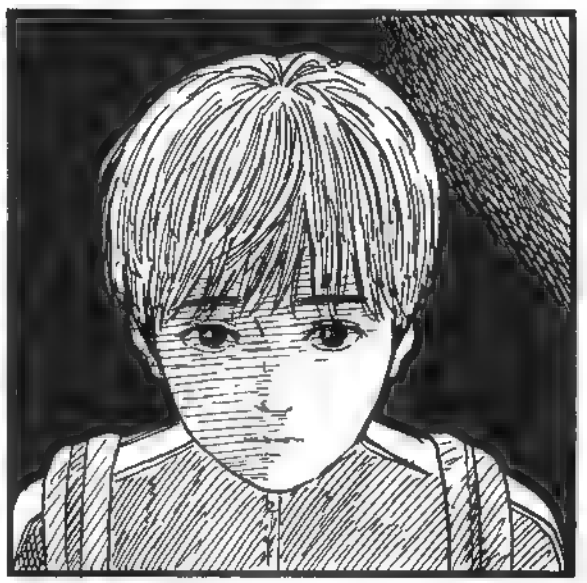
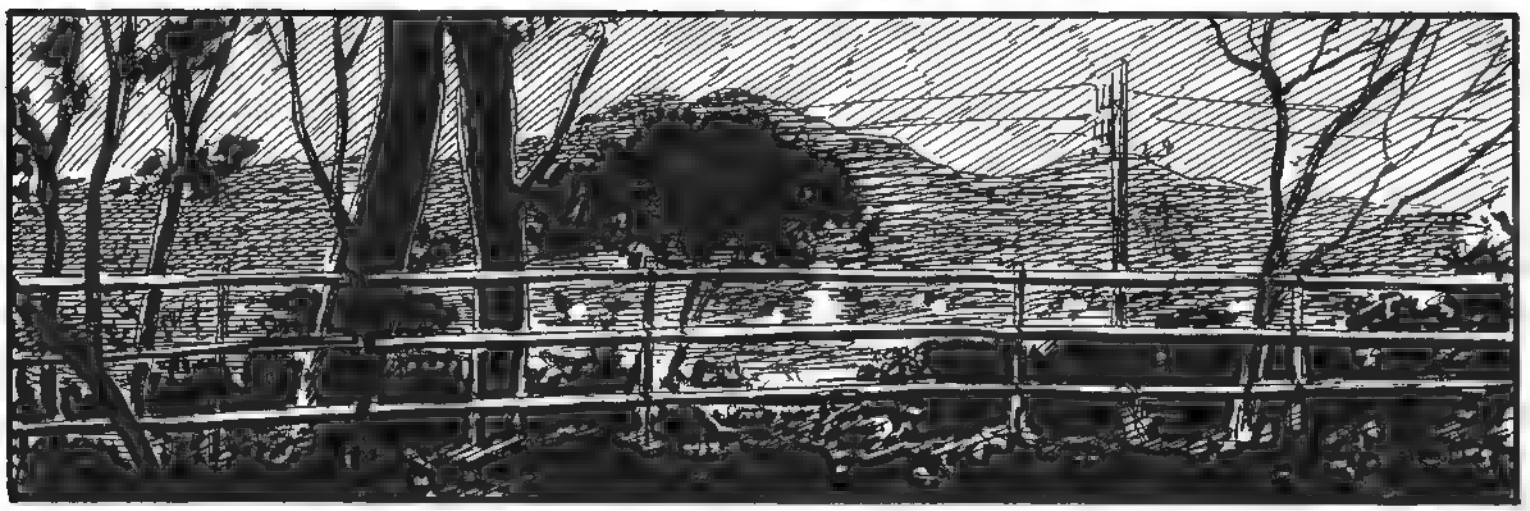
THIS IS IT.

WHEN I WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH.
I USED TO COME HERE A LOT





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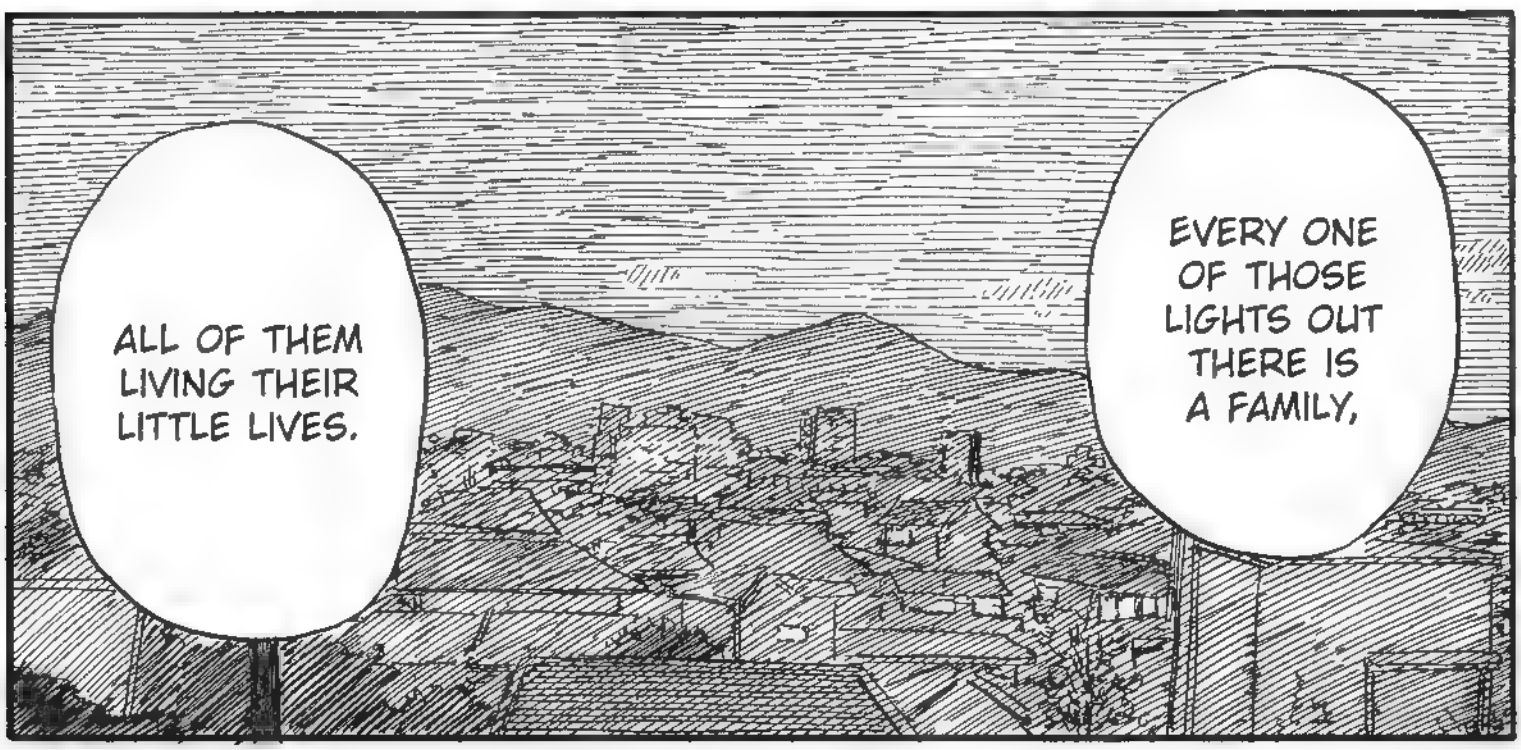
MAKES YOU WANT TO PUKE, DOESN'T IT.


ALL OF THEM LIVING THEIR LITTLE LIVES.
EVERY ONE OF THOSE LIGHTS OUT THERE IS A FAMILY,

FOREVER.

I'D RATHER BE ON THIS SIDE.

THAT'S... WHAT I USED TO THINK BACK THEN.

YOU PROBABLY DON'T REMEMBER.

WE'D TAKE WALKS UP HERE, WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE.

I USED TO COME HERE WITH YOU, TOO, YOU KNOW.

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Awaaa
Aaa

I REMEMBER ...

...

...YOU DO?

REMEMBER ...

I...

...I DON'T KNOW...

I DON'T... KNOW, BUT...

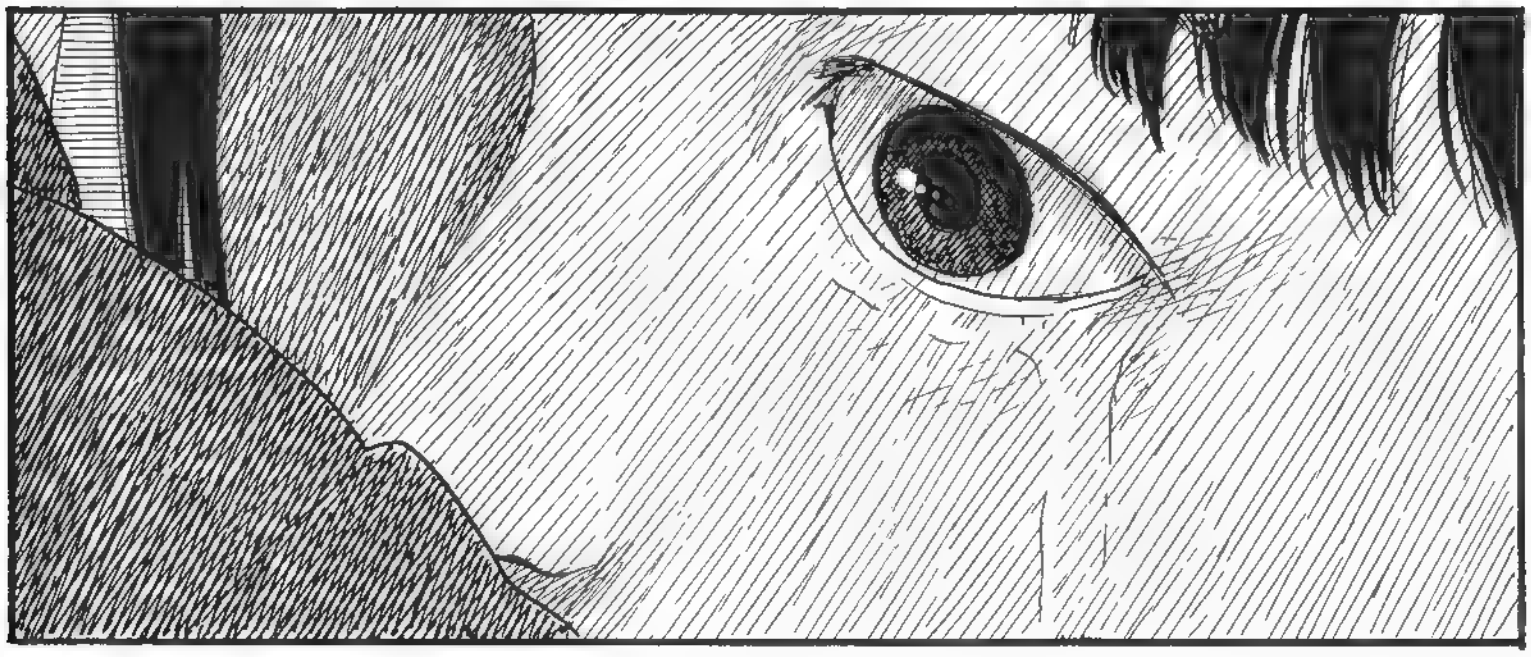
WHY ARE YOU CRYING ?

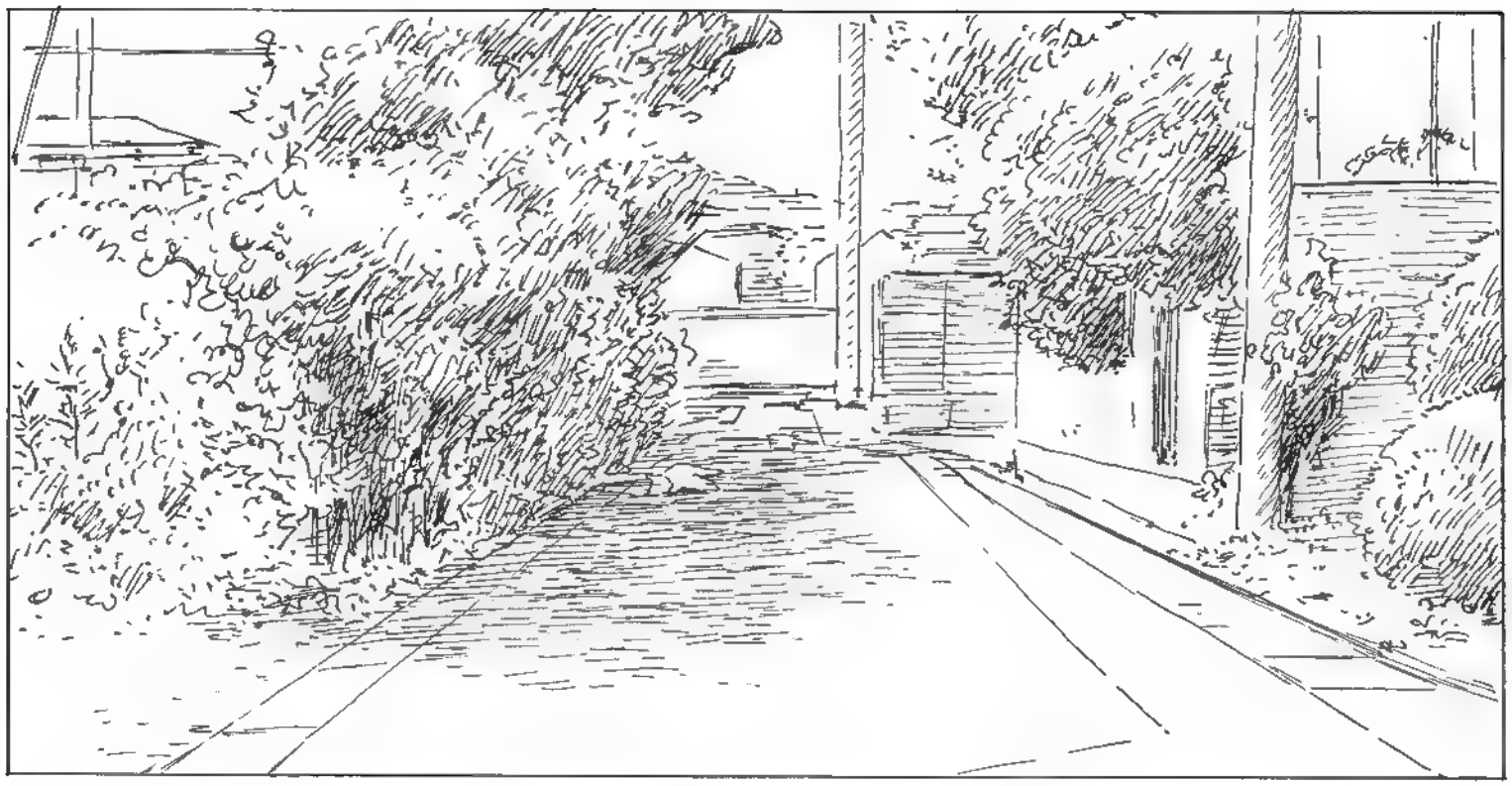
SEI,

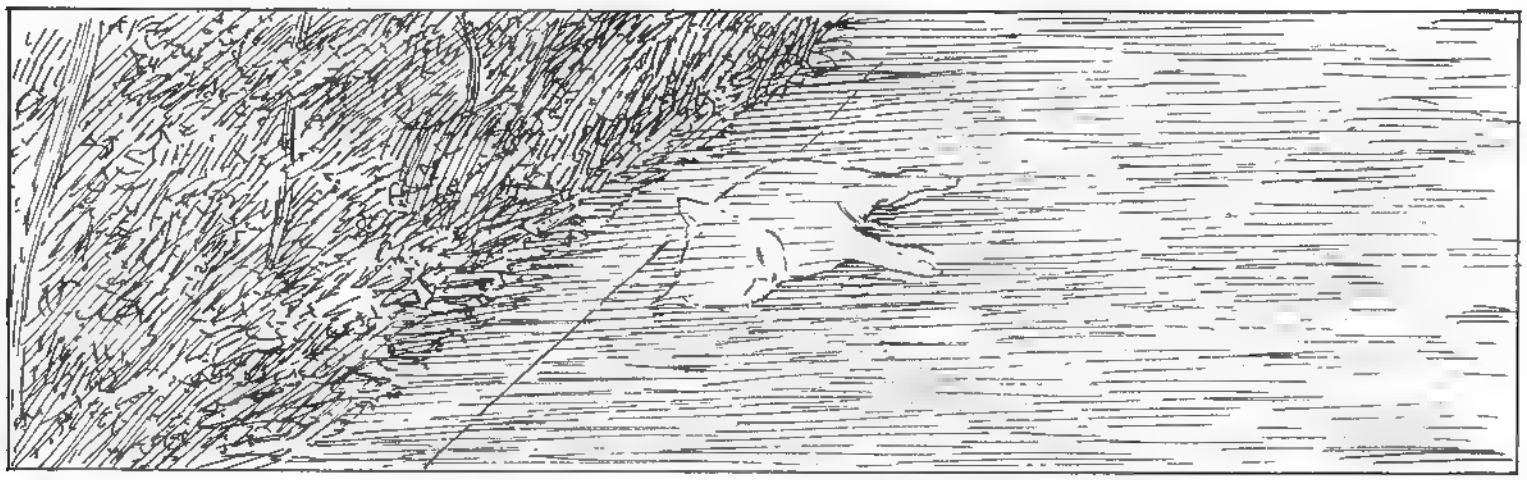
I FEEL SAD...

IT'S SAD, ISN'T IT...

...YEAH.







IT'S NEAR HERE...
THAT ROAD...

IT'S NEAR HERE, ISN'T IT?!

WHERE WE FOUND THAT DEAD CAT... WHEN I WAS LITTLE!

RIGHT, MOMMY? YOU KNOW, THAT ROAD!

LOOK...

COME ON, LET'S GO TAKE A...

I DON'T REMEMBER.

...WAS IT?

LET'S GO HOME.

IT'S COLD.

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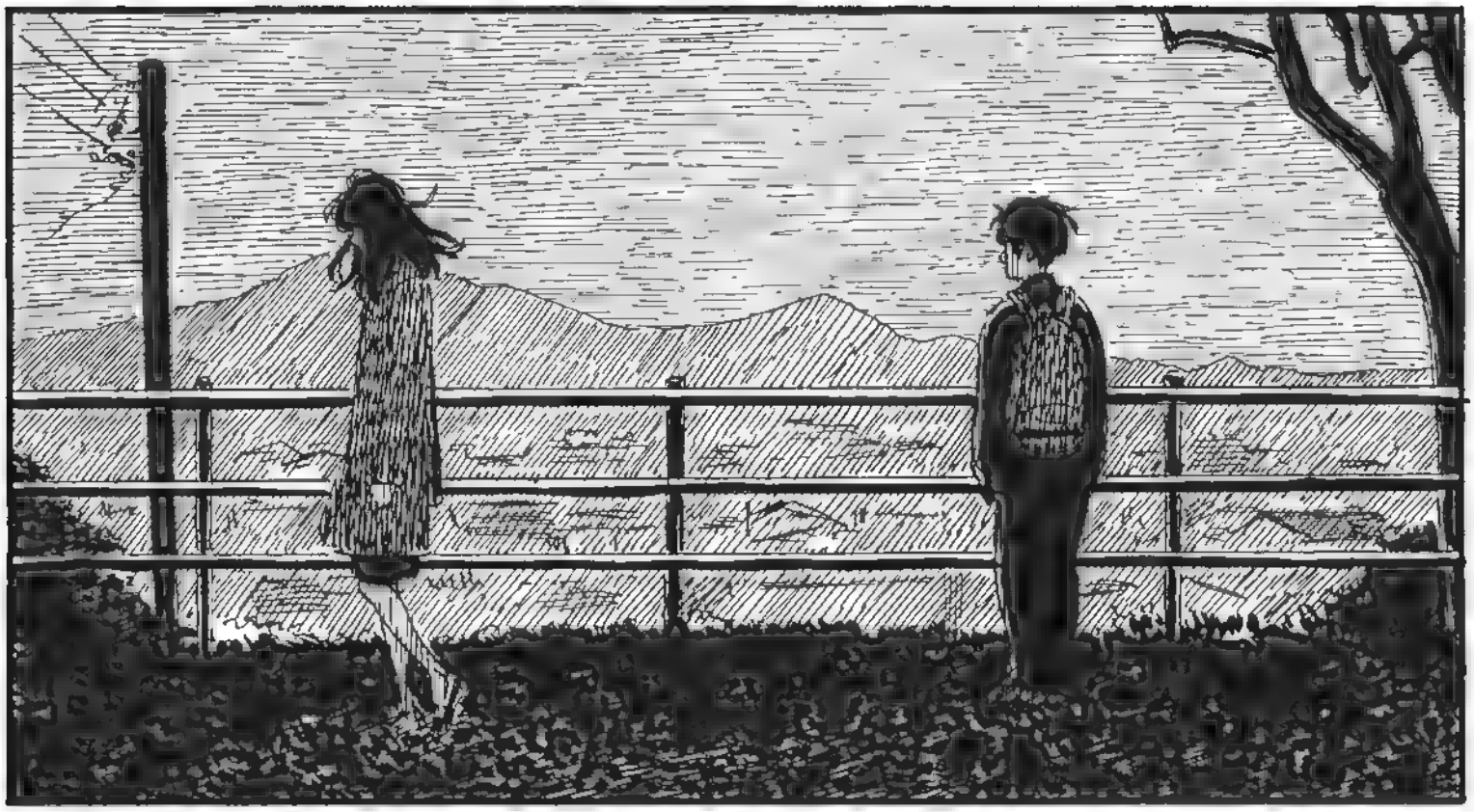
UH...



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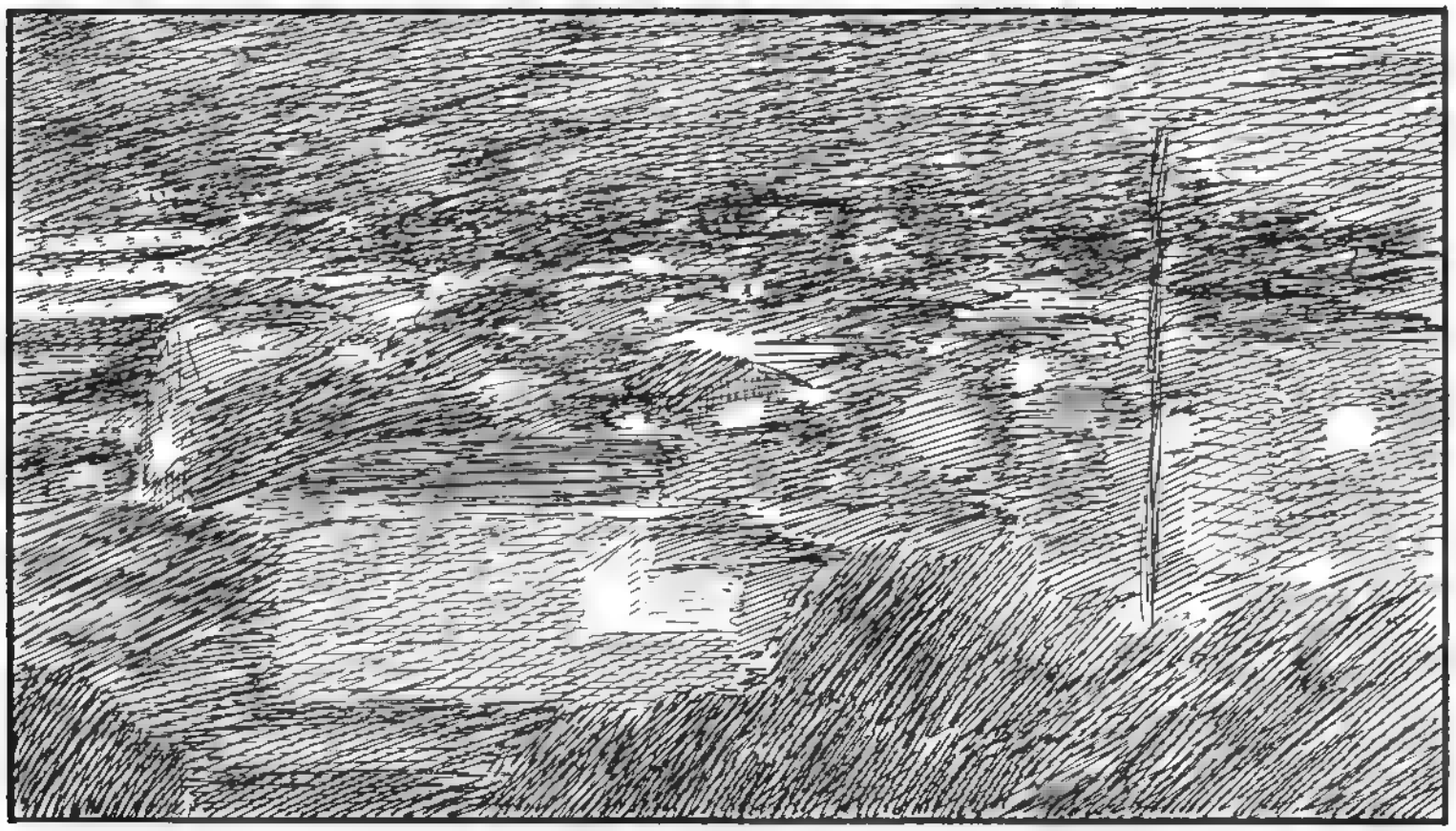

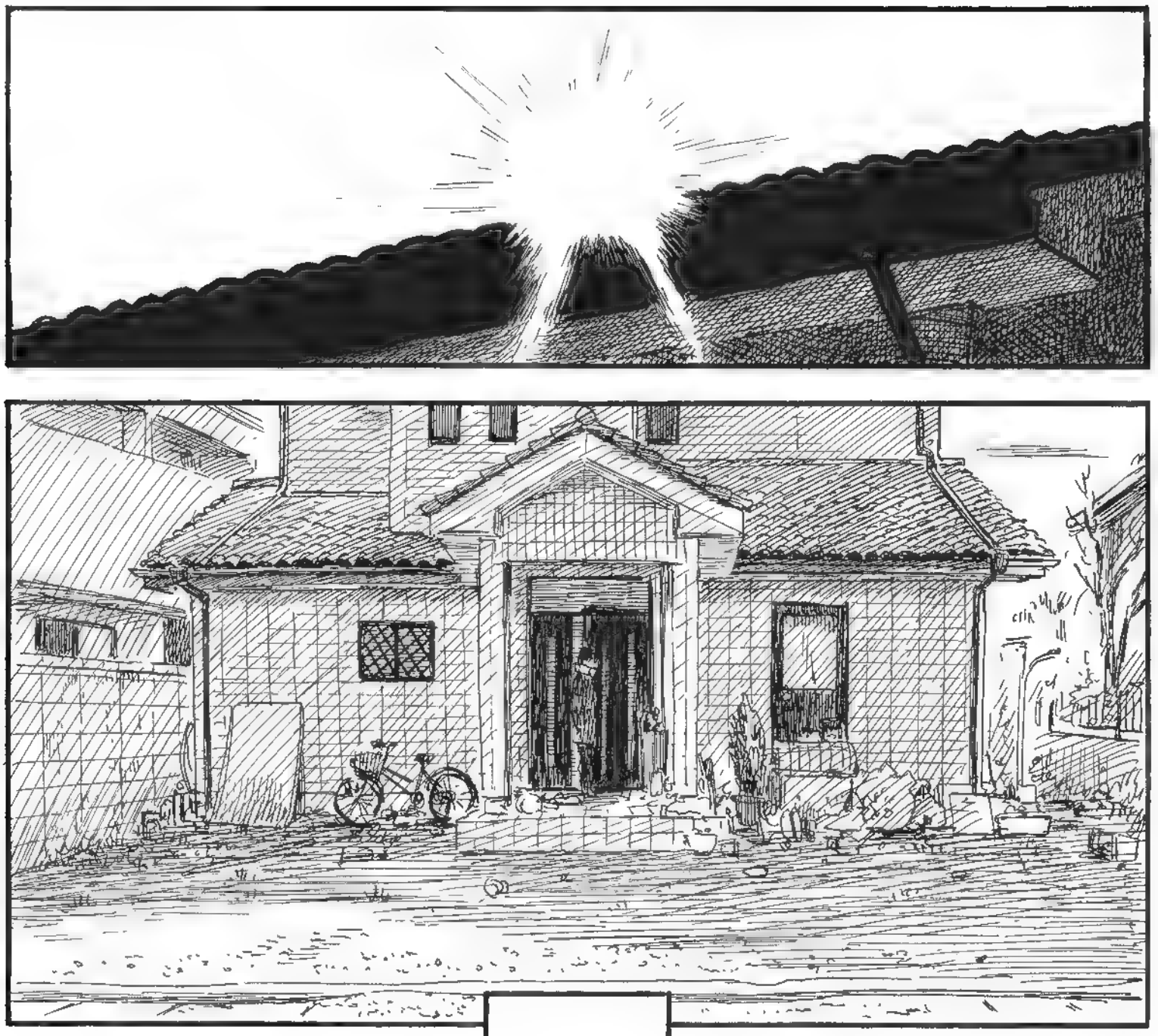

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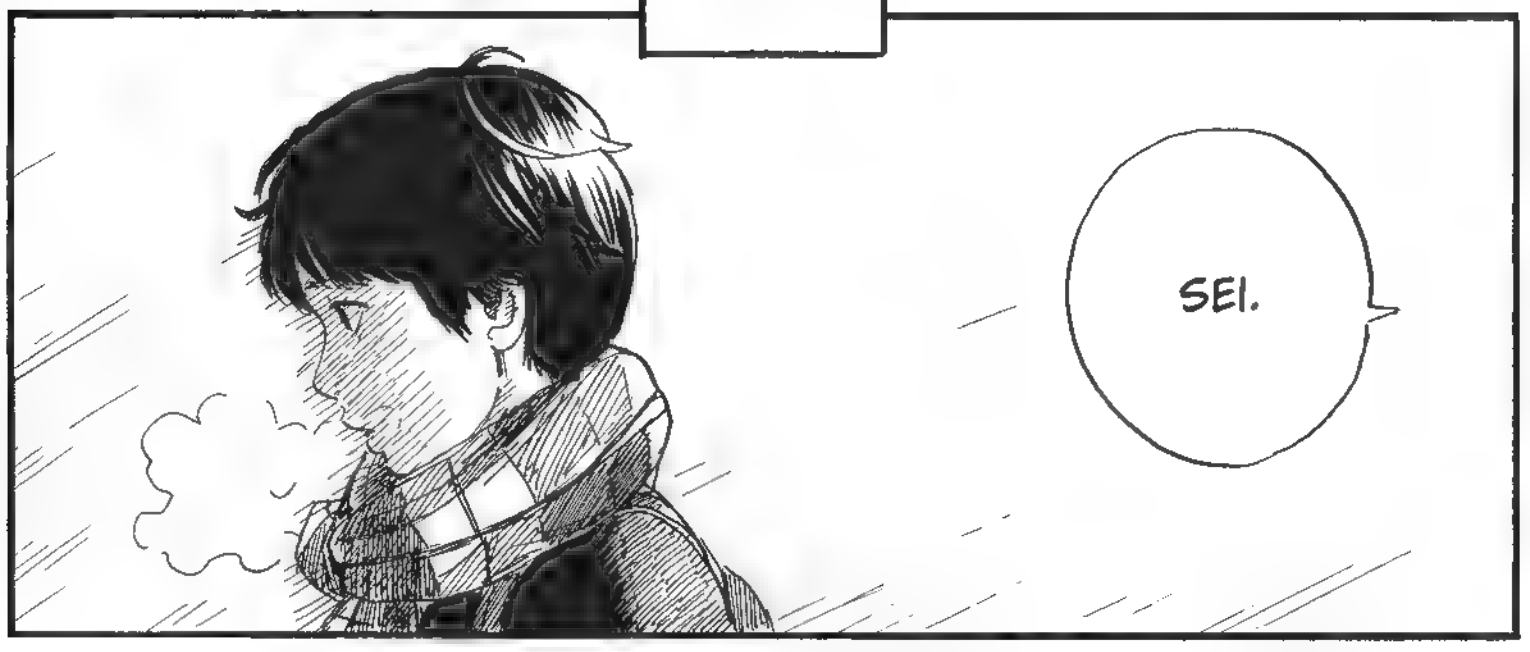

HAVE A GOOD DAY.

AND TAKE CARE.

SEE YOU LATER.

LOOK!

THE RIVER'S FROZEN!

DING

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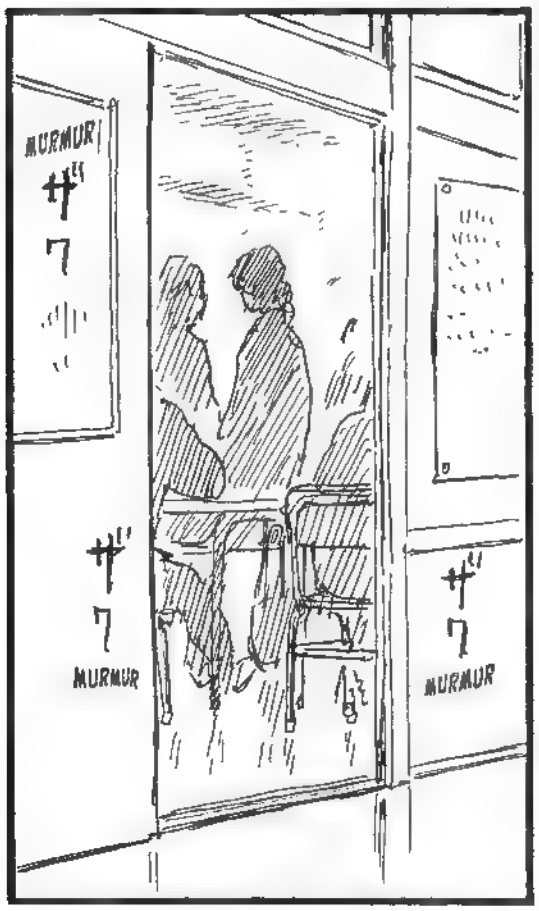
YOU GOING ANYWHERE OVER WINTER BREAK?
I HEARD IT'S GONNA SNOW NEXT WEEK.
MAYBE WE'LL HAVE A WHITE CHRISTMAS!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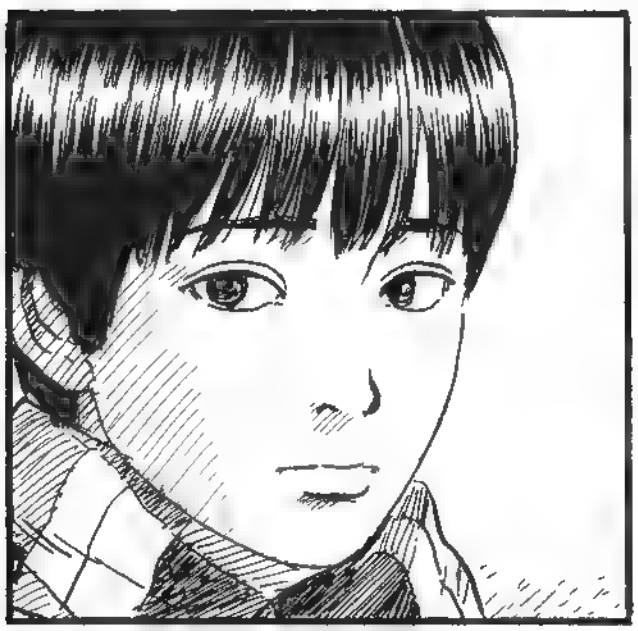

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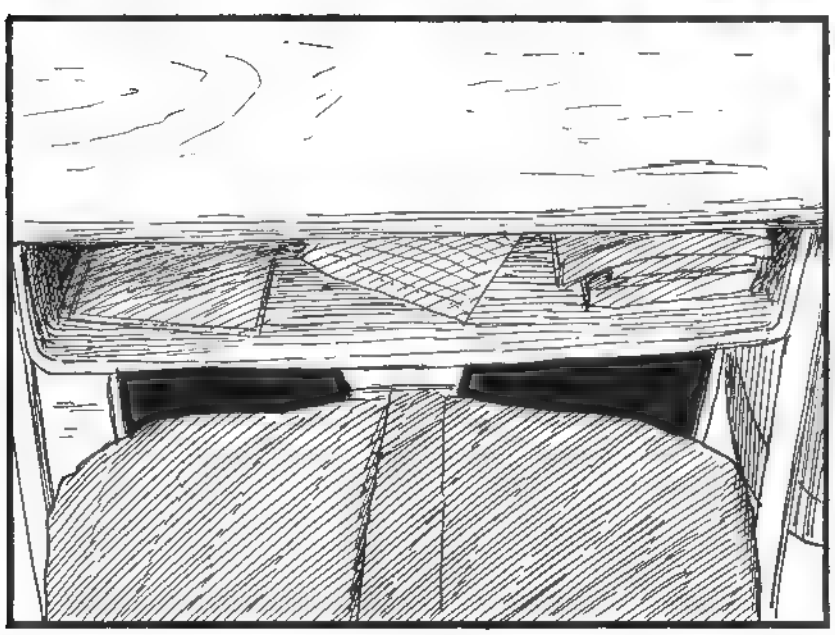

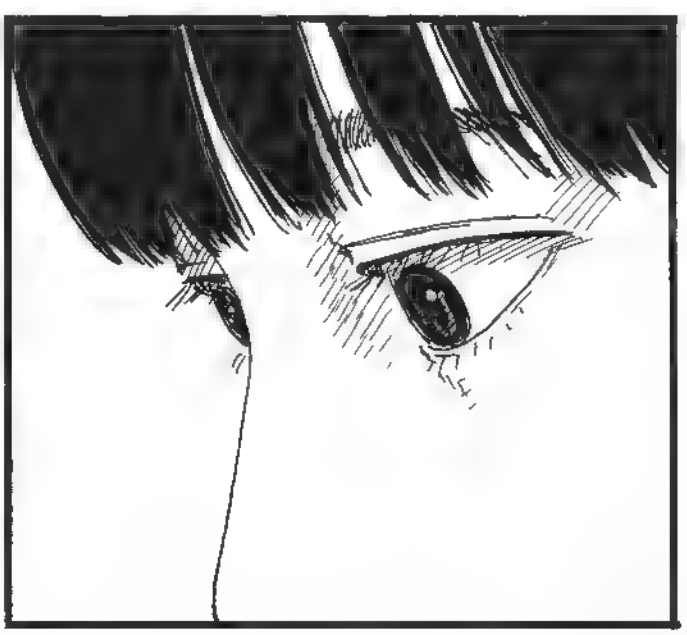

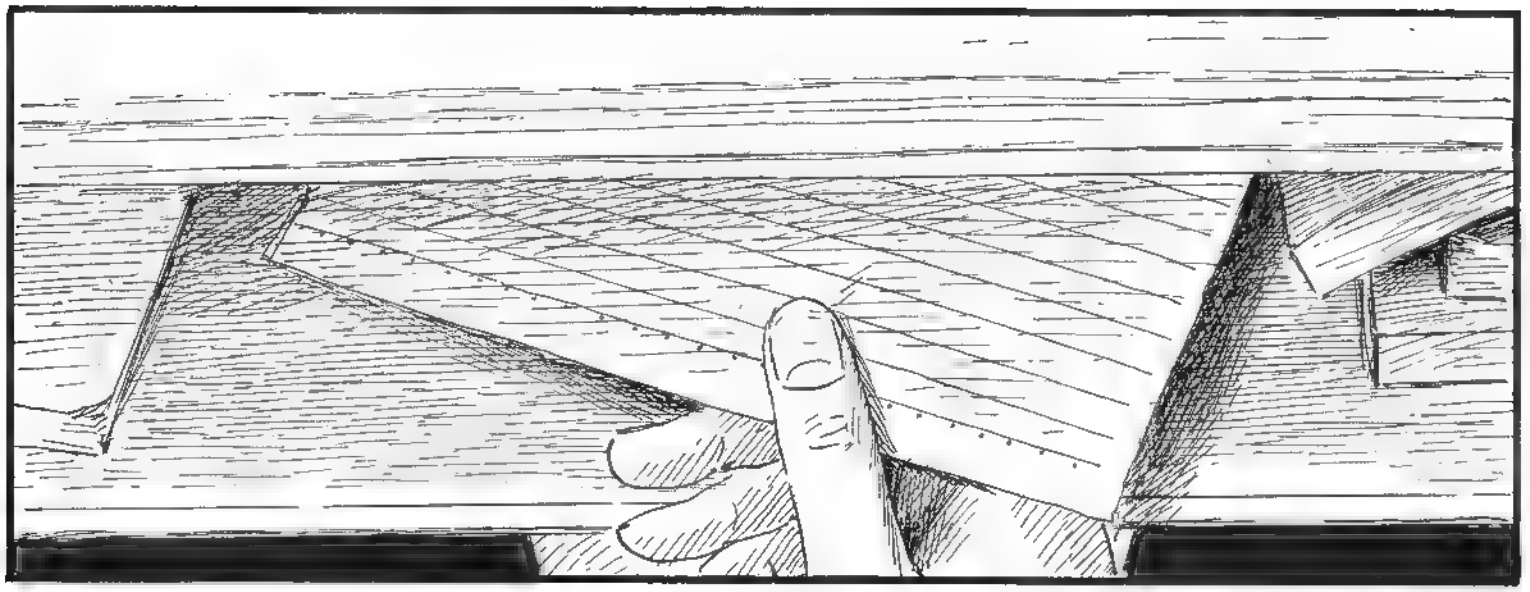

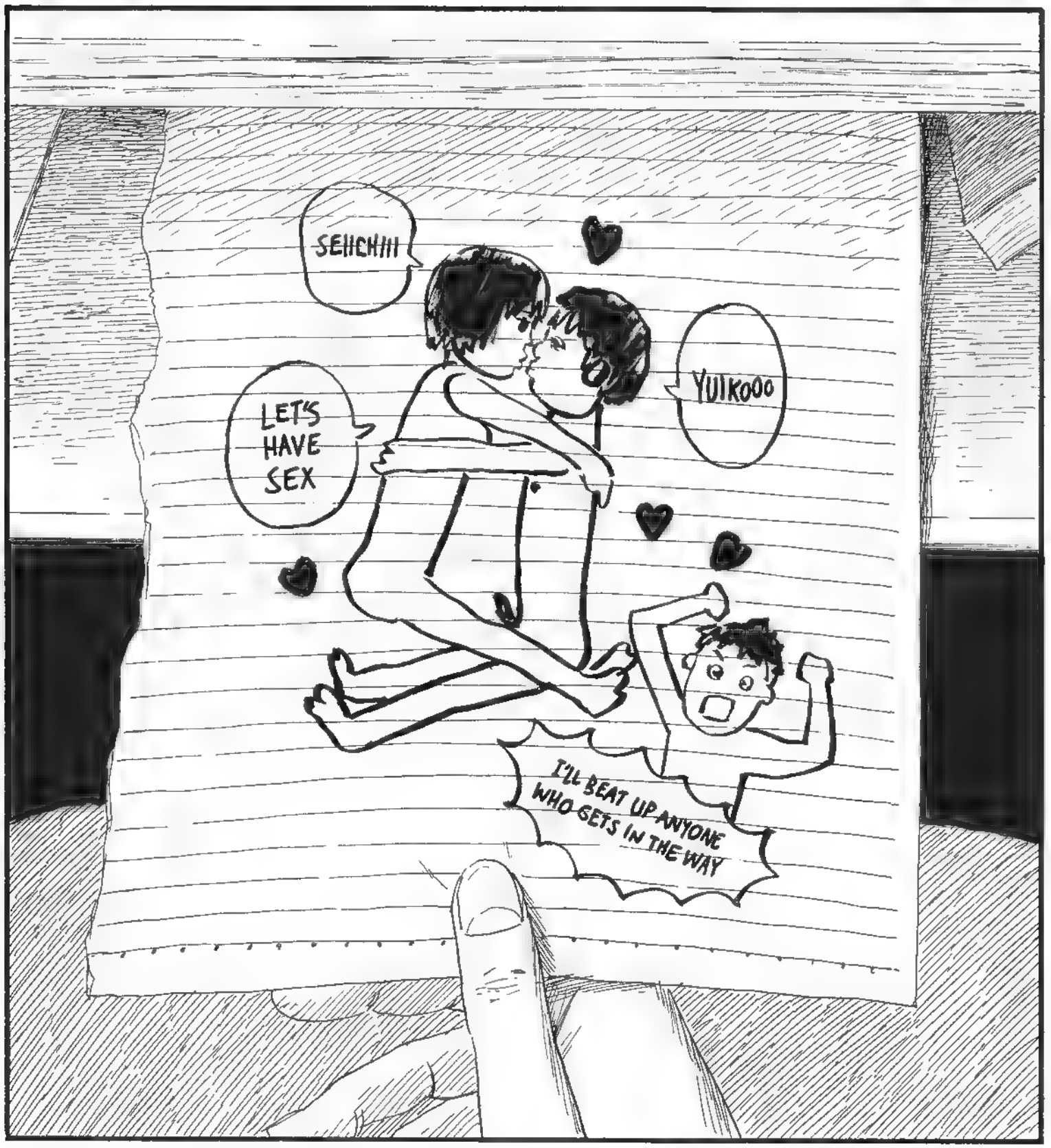
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LET'S HAVE SEX
YUIKOOO
I'LL BEAT UP ANYONE WHO GETS IN THE WAY

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GET IN YOUR SEATS!

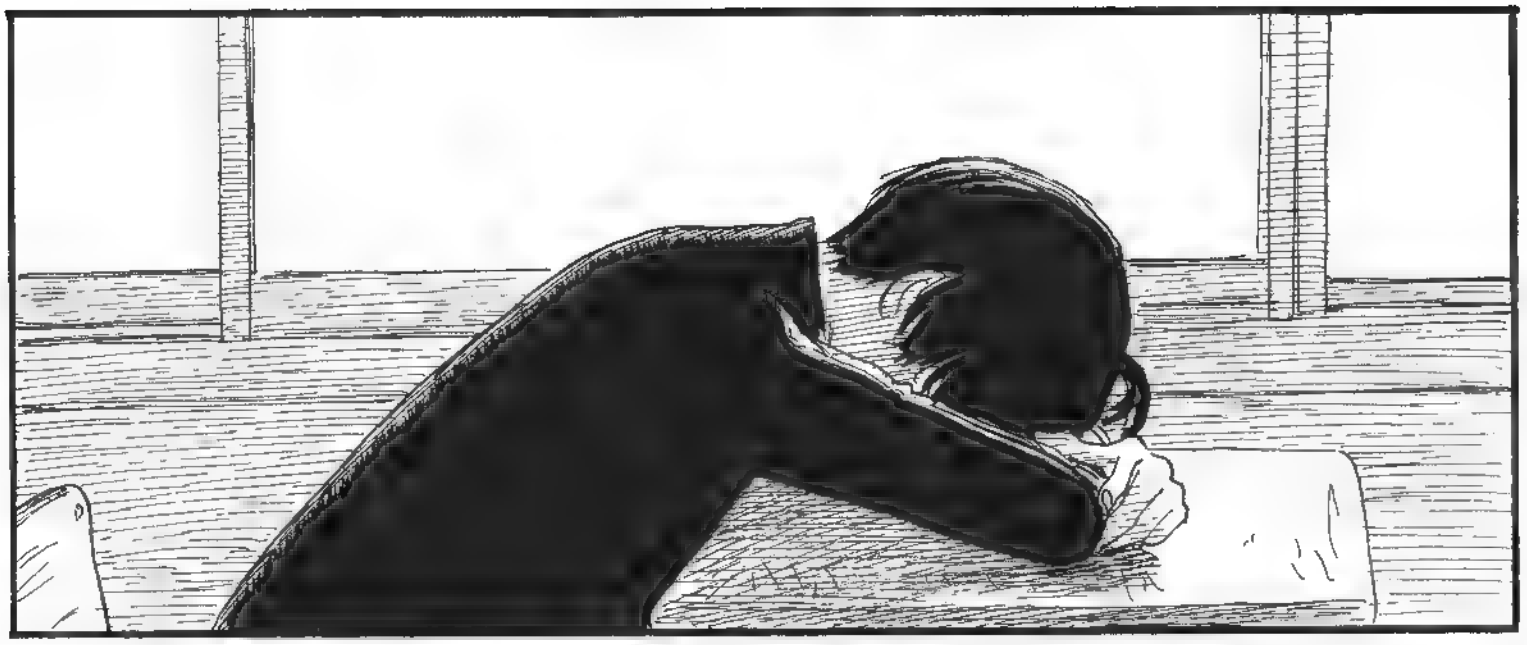
ALL RIGHT!

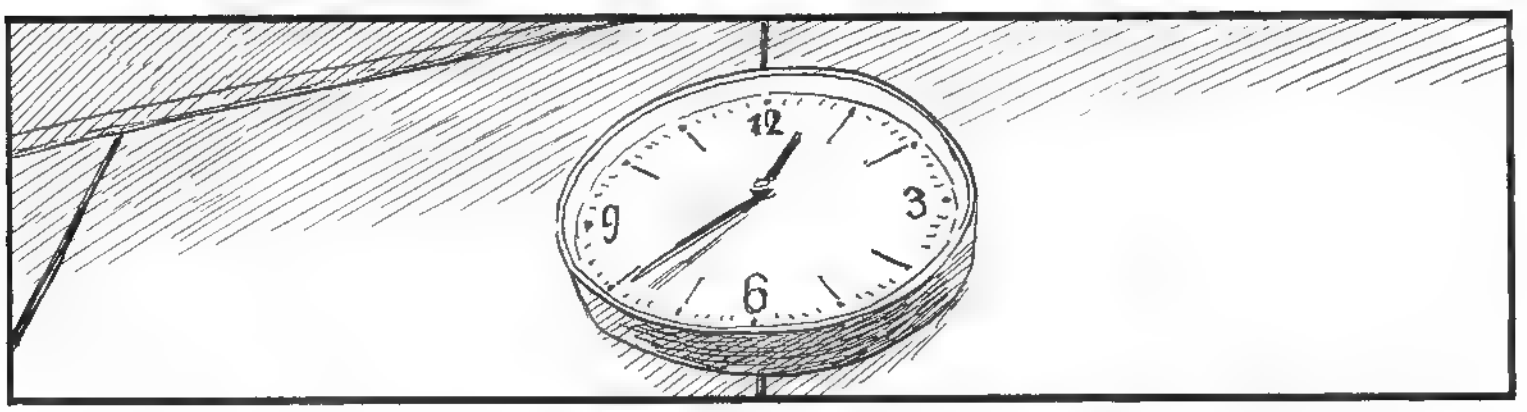
KLATTA

KLATTA

RATTLE

NOW, MR. MONITOR, IF YOU PLEASE!

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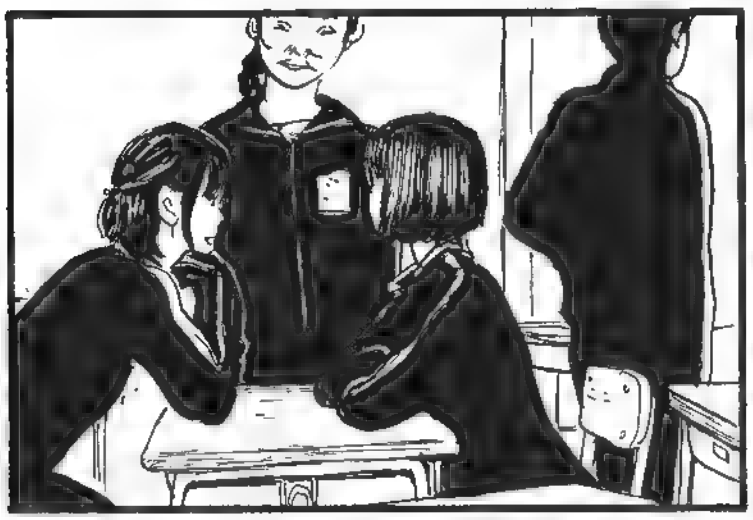

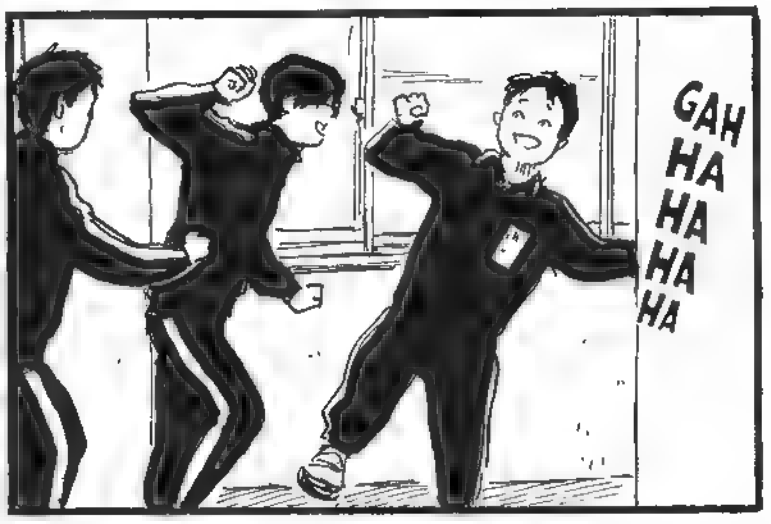
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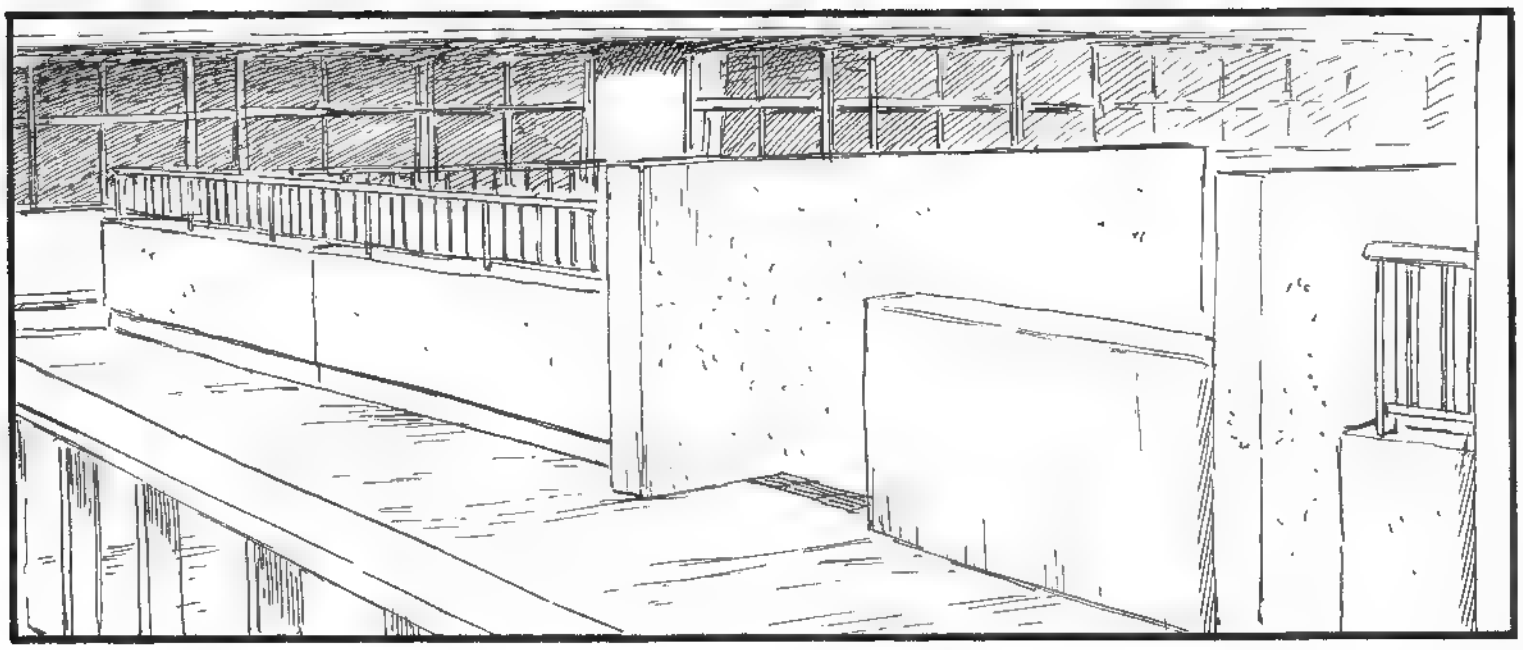

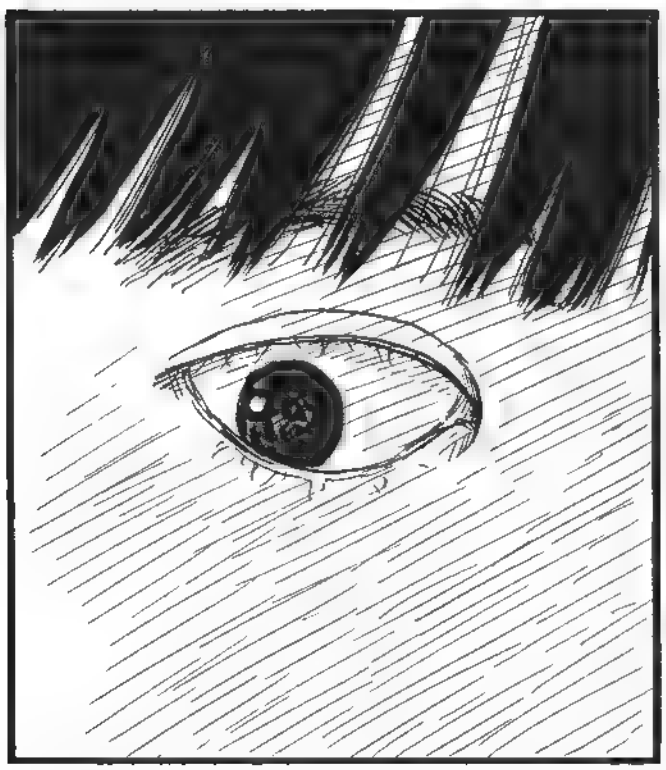

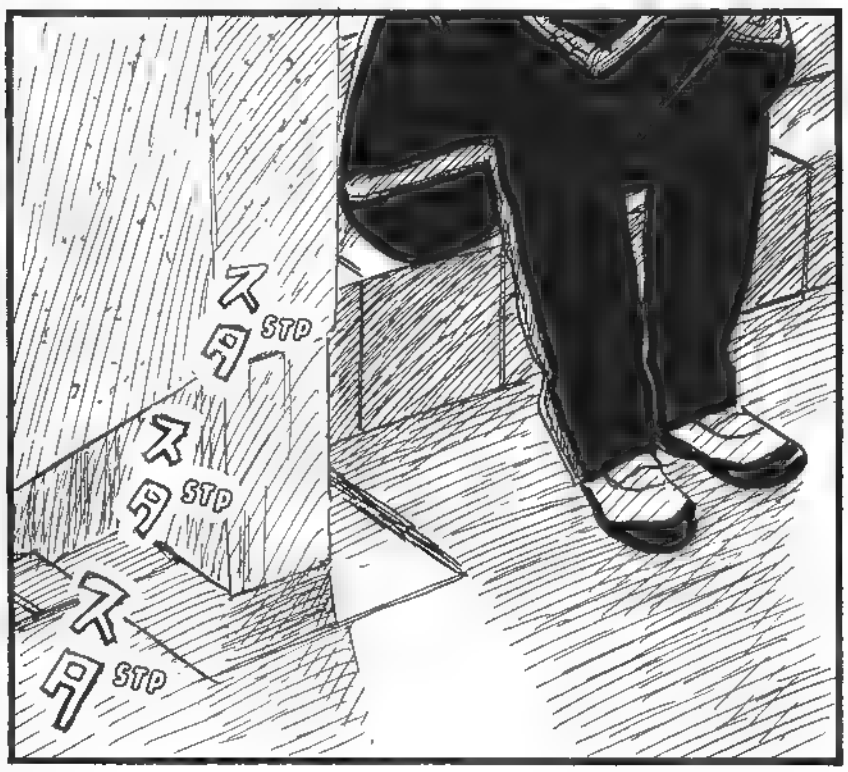
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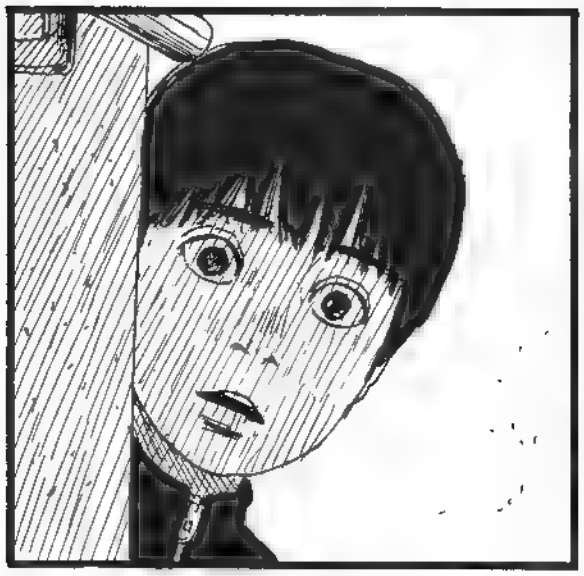
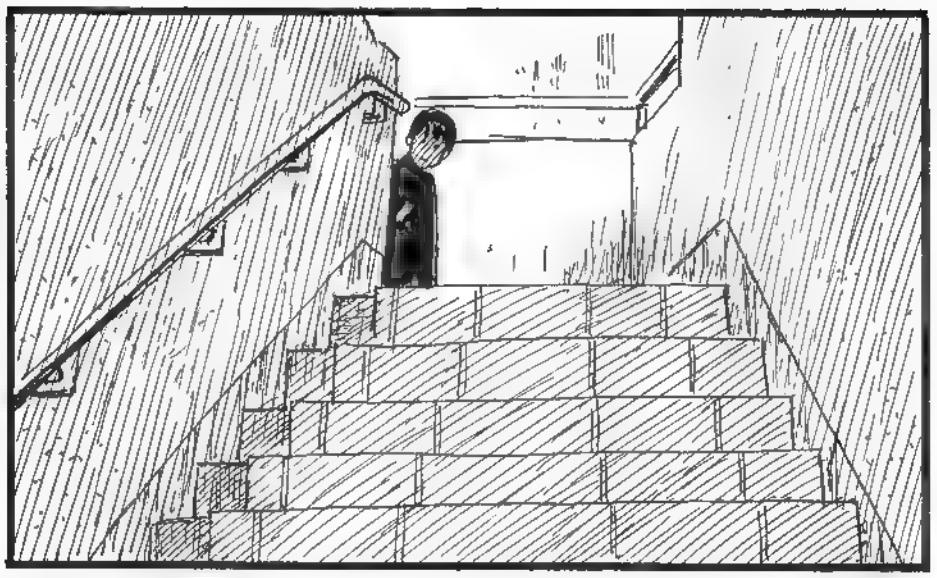
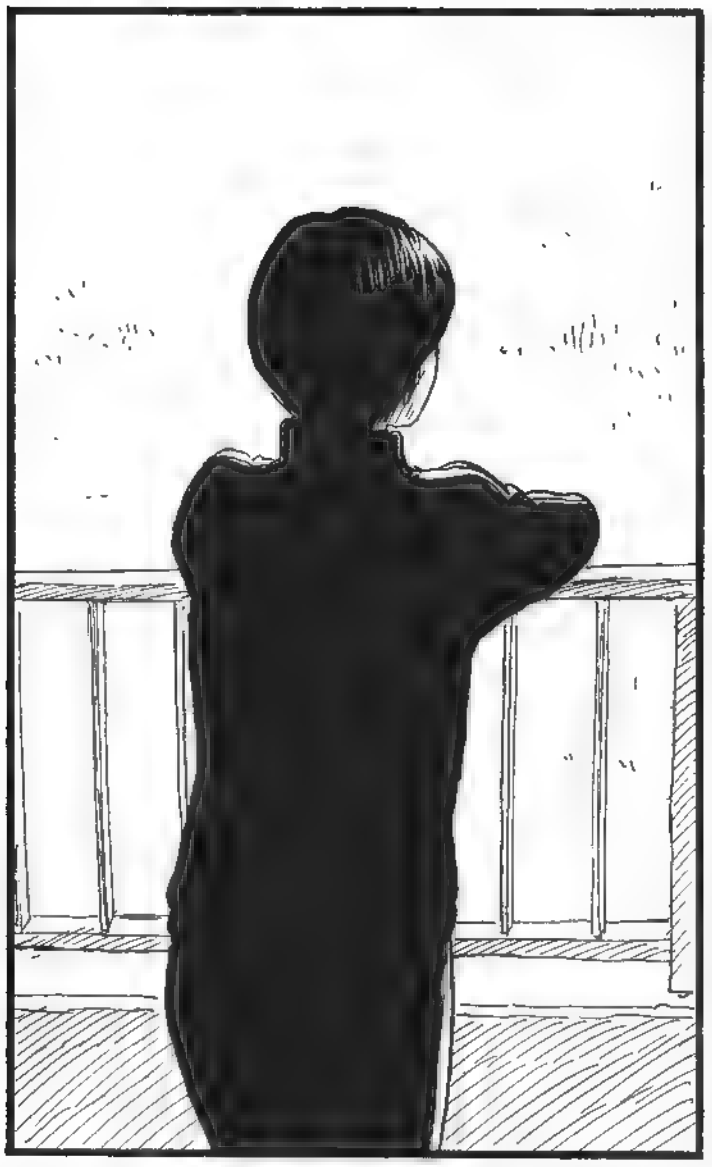






FUKIISHI.

THERE YOU ARE.

YOU OKAY?

YOUR HEAD...

WAS IT YOUR DAD?

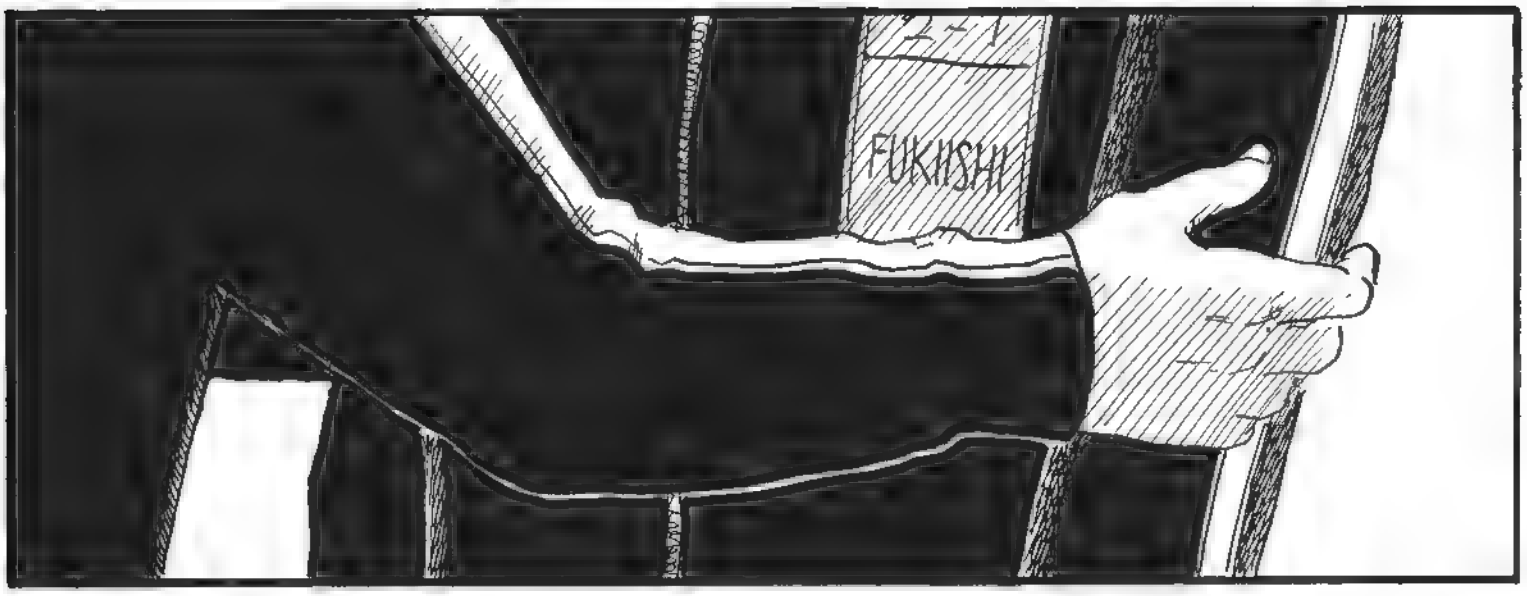
HE HIT YOU?

MM-HMM.

OSABE, I MEAN.

HE'S A REAL PIECE OF WORK.

I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT HE DID TO YOU.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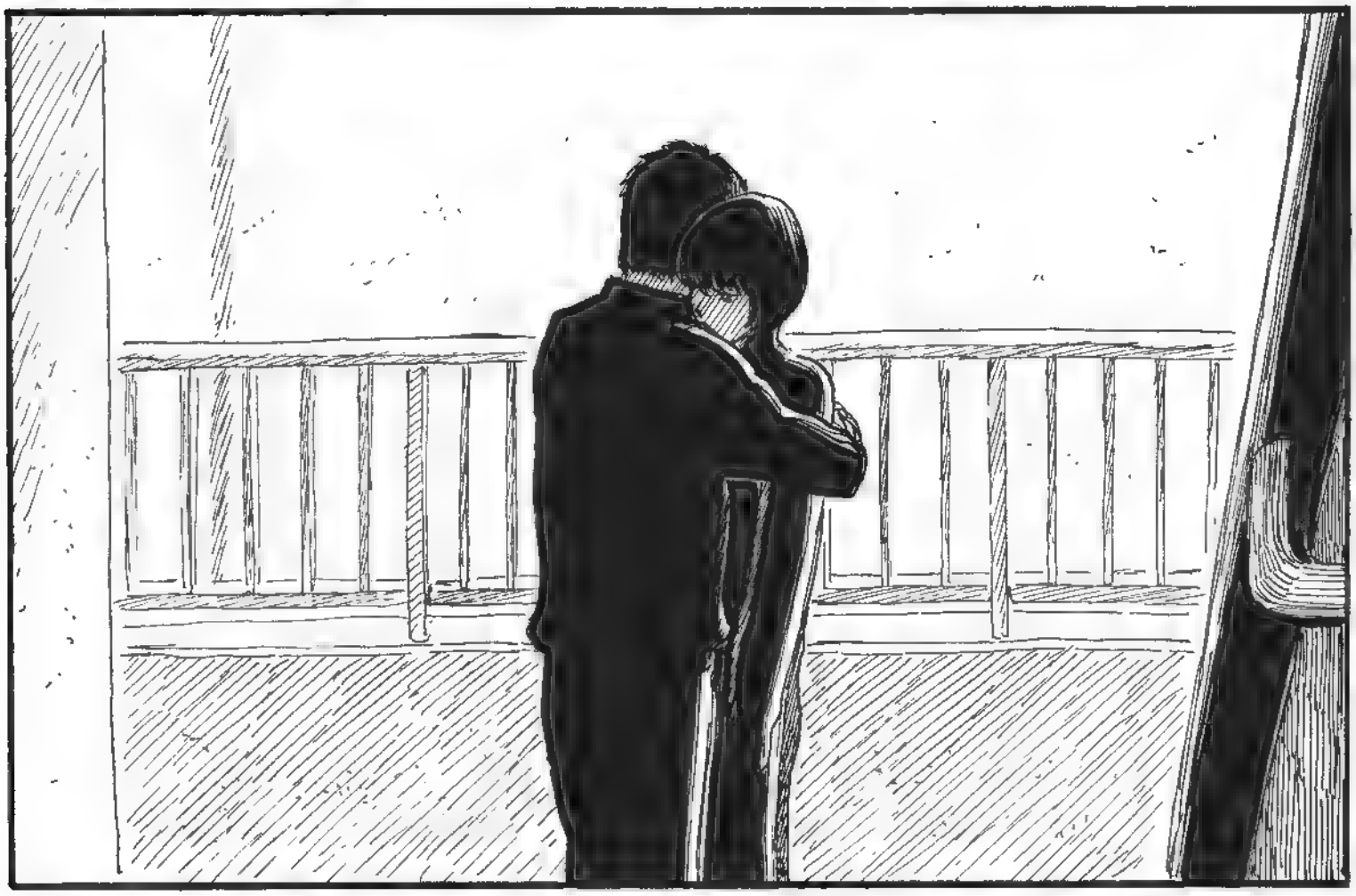
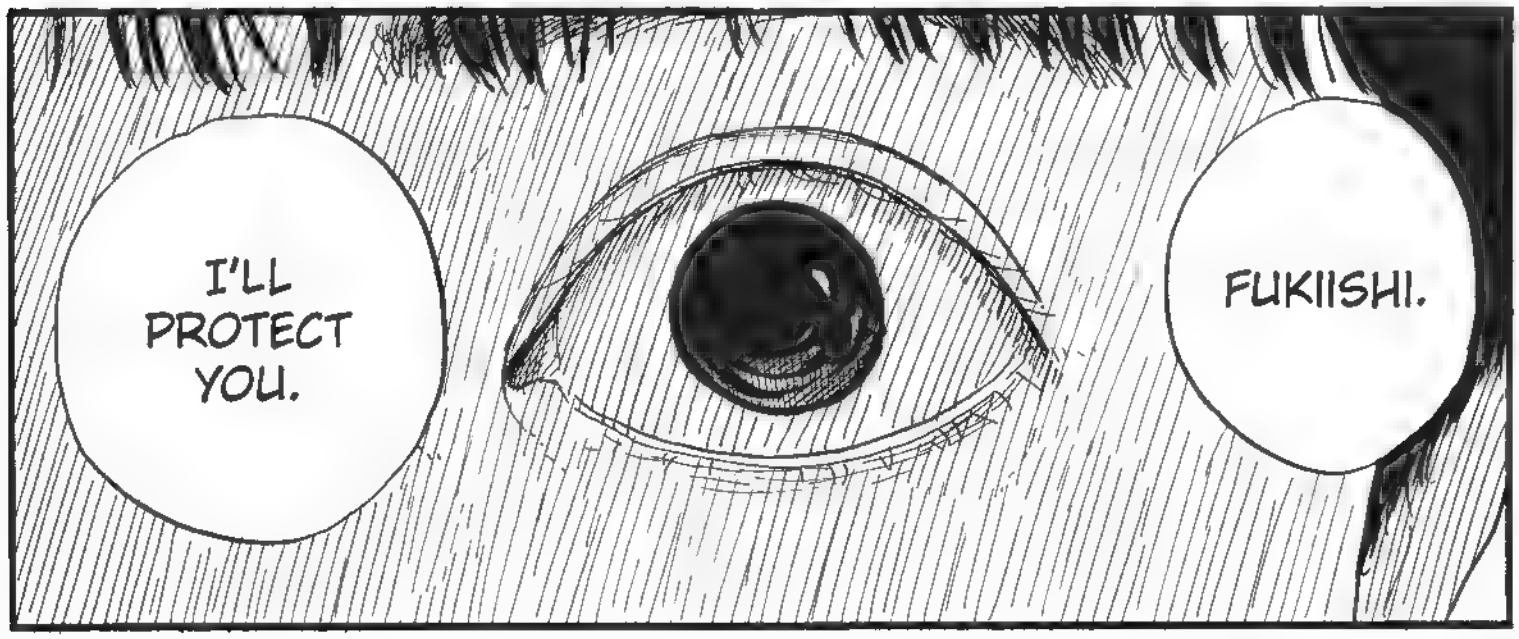
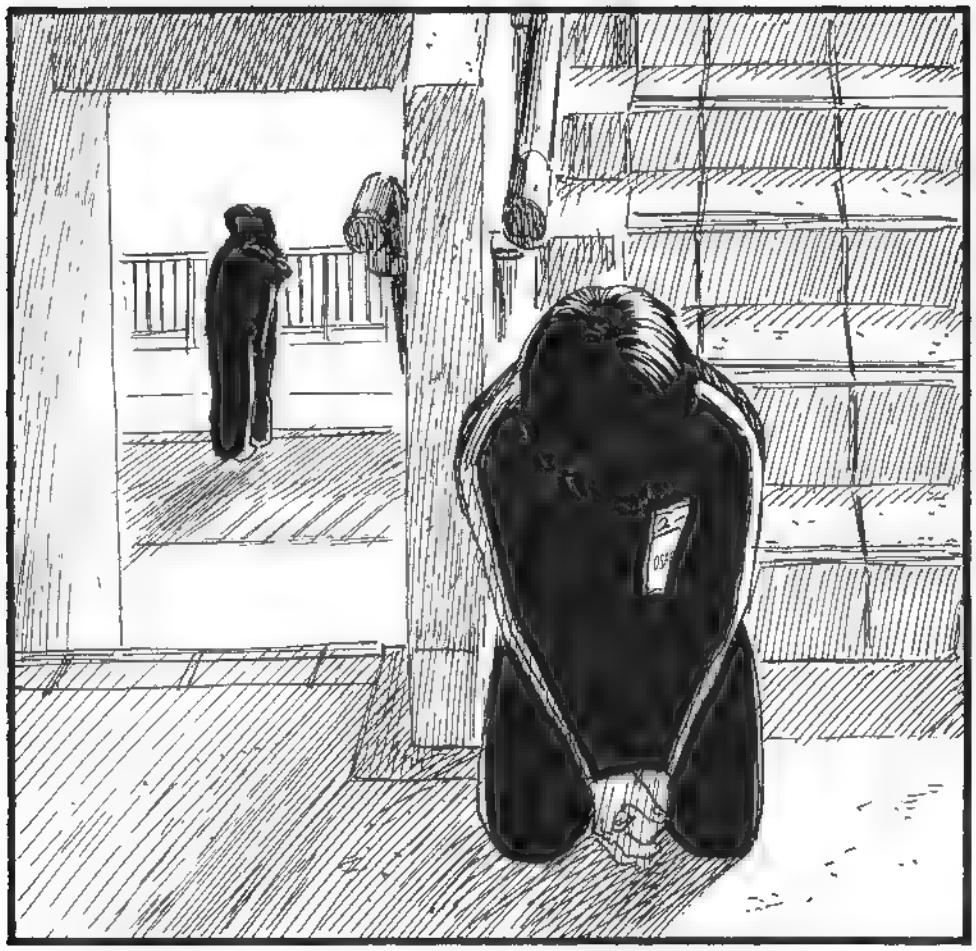
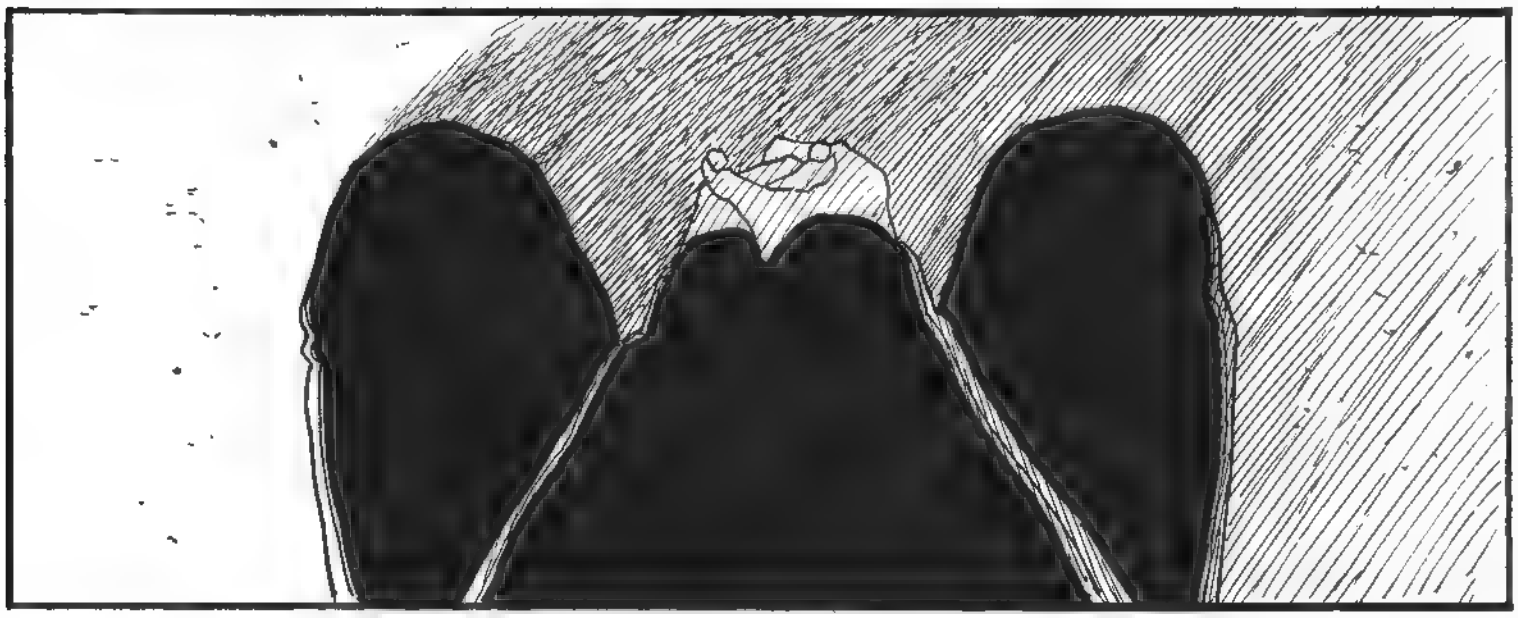


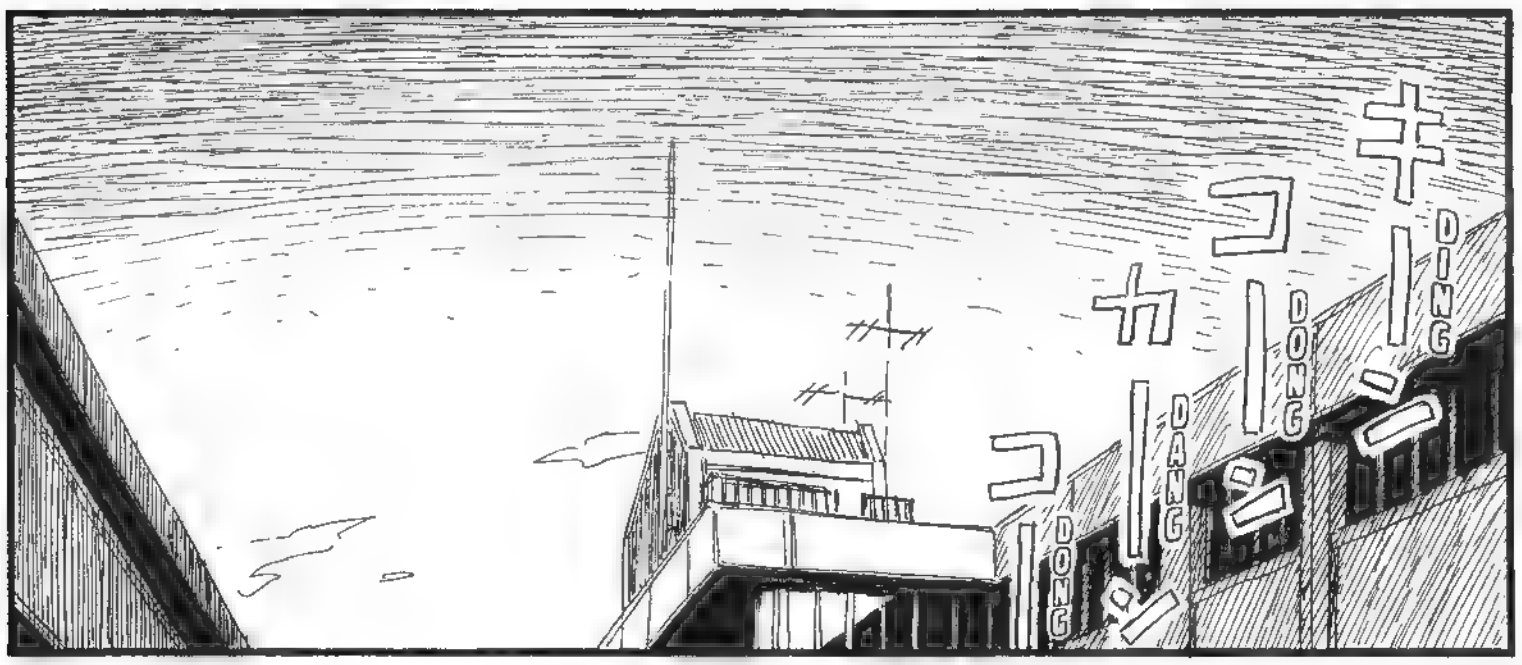

I'LL PROTECT YOU.
FUKIISHI.

SASAKI...

AH...!



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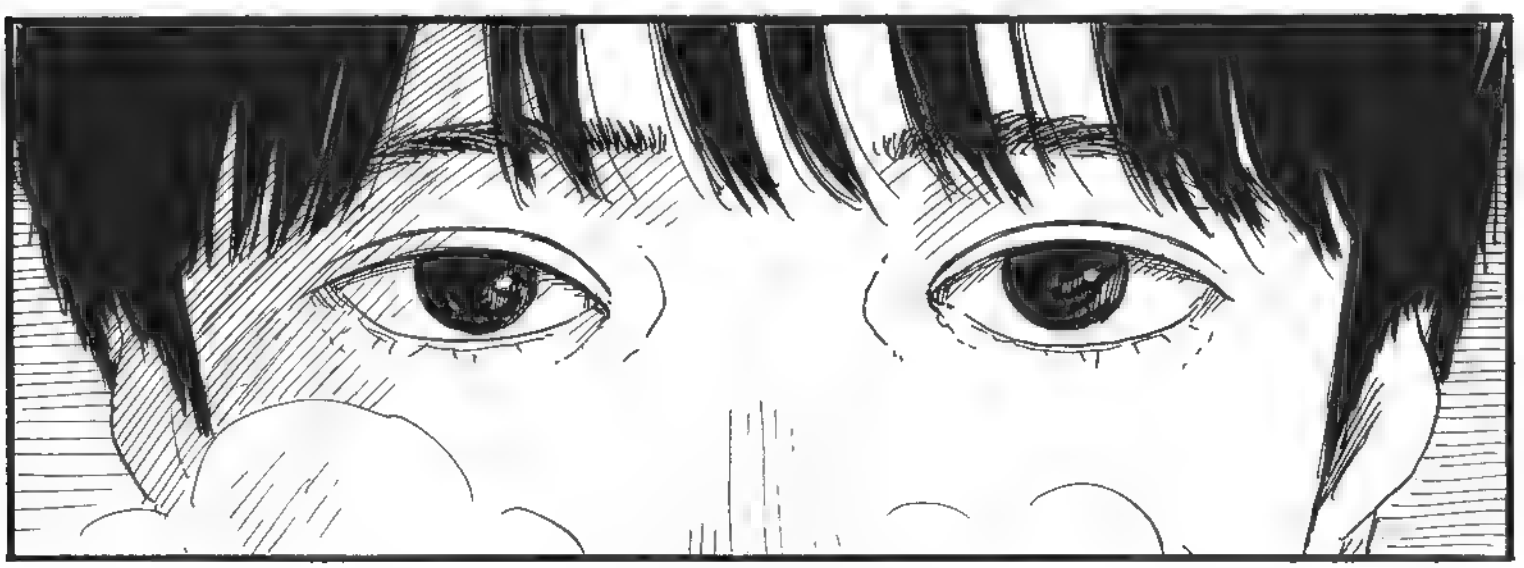

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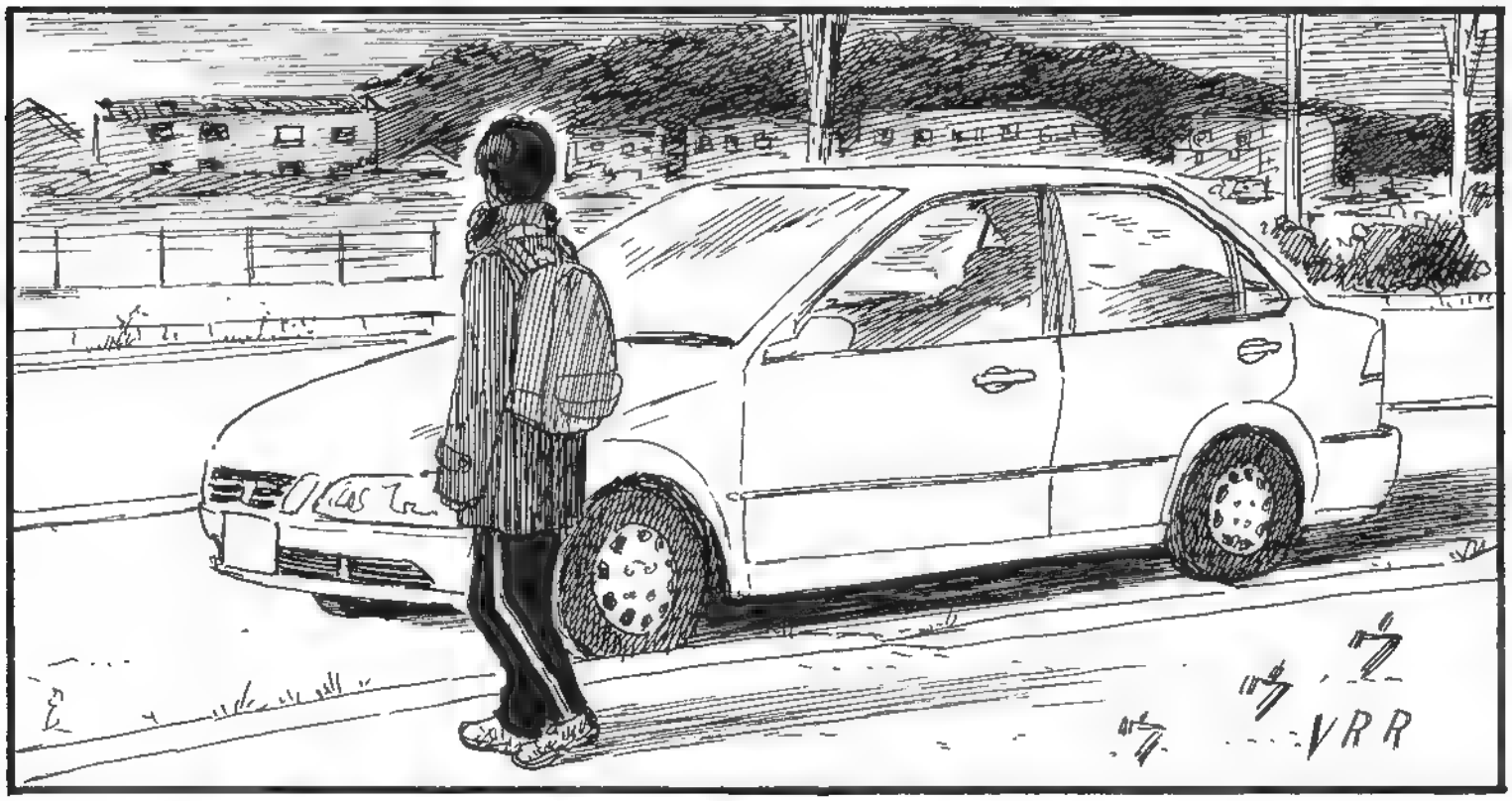
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SEI!

HEADED HOME?
I'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT!
HOP IN!

NO...

THAT'S OKAY.

COME ON, DON'T BE SHY, NOW!

WHAT?!

REALLY!

COME ON!

HOP IN!

CHAPTER 66 Drive

DON'T WORRYYY! I'M NOT MAD AT YOU OR ANYTHING!

OKAY? COME ON! HOP IN NEXT TO ME!

CLICK

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TUNK

PUT ON YOUR SEAT BELT.

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IT'S COLD, HUH.

Hfff.

THEY WERE SAYING ON THE WEATHER THAT IT'S GONNA SNOW NEXT WEEK!

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I DUNNO ...

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING FOR CHRISTMAS?

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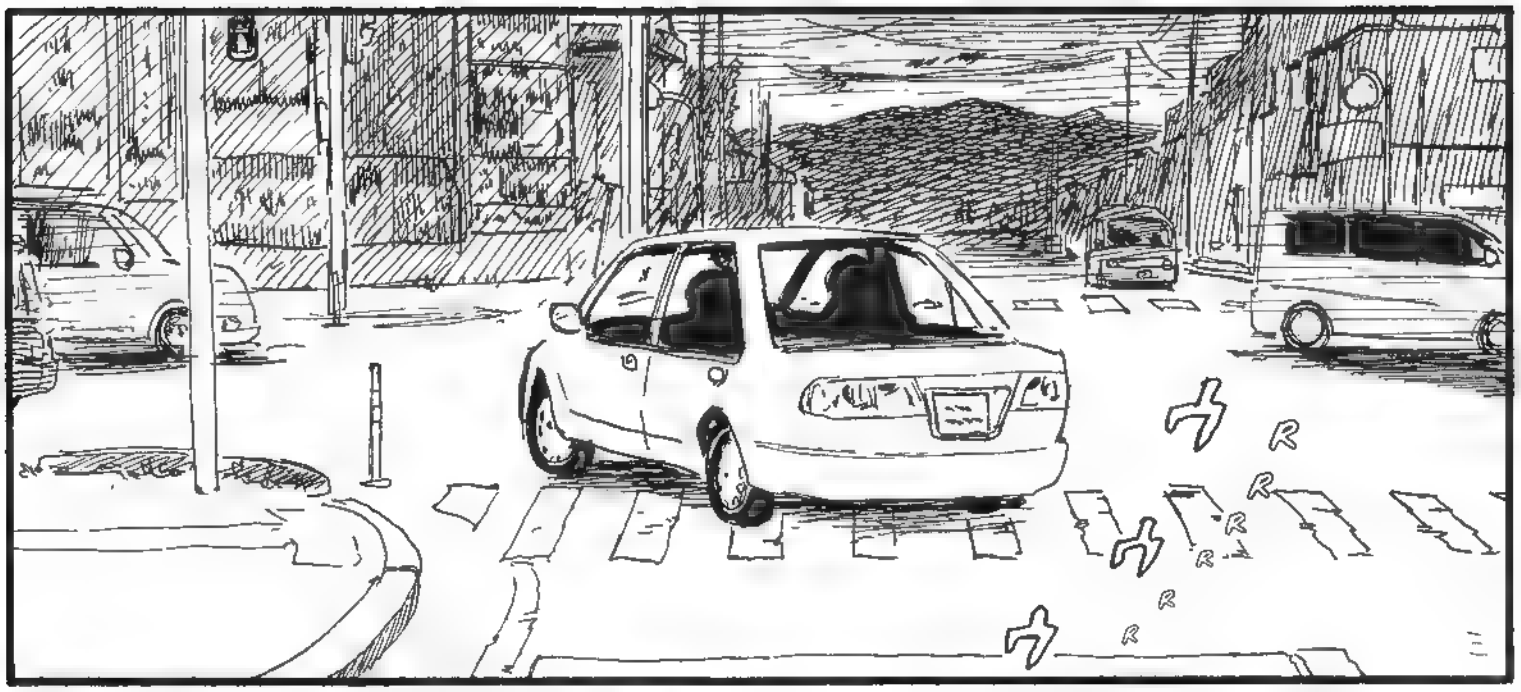
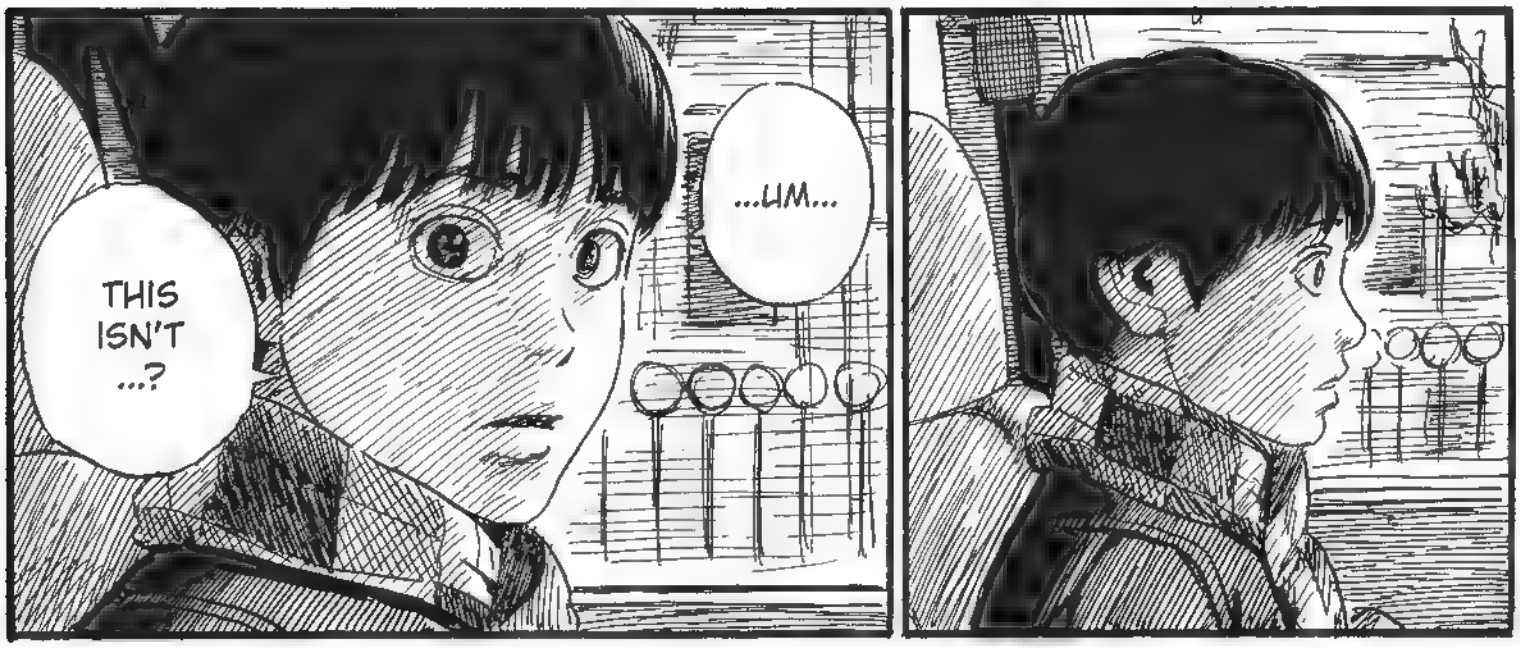
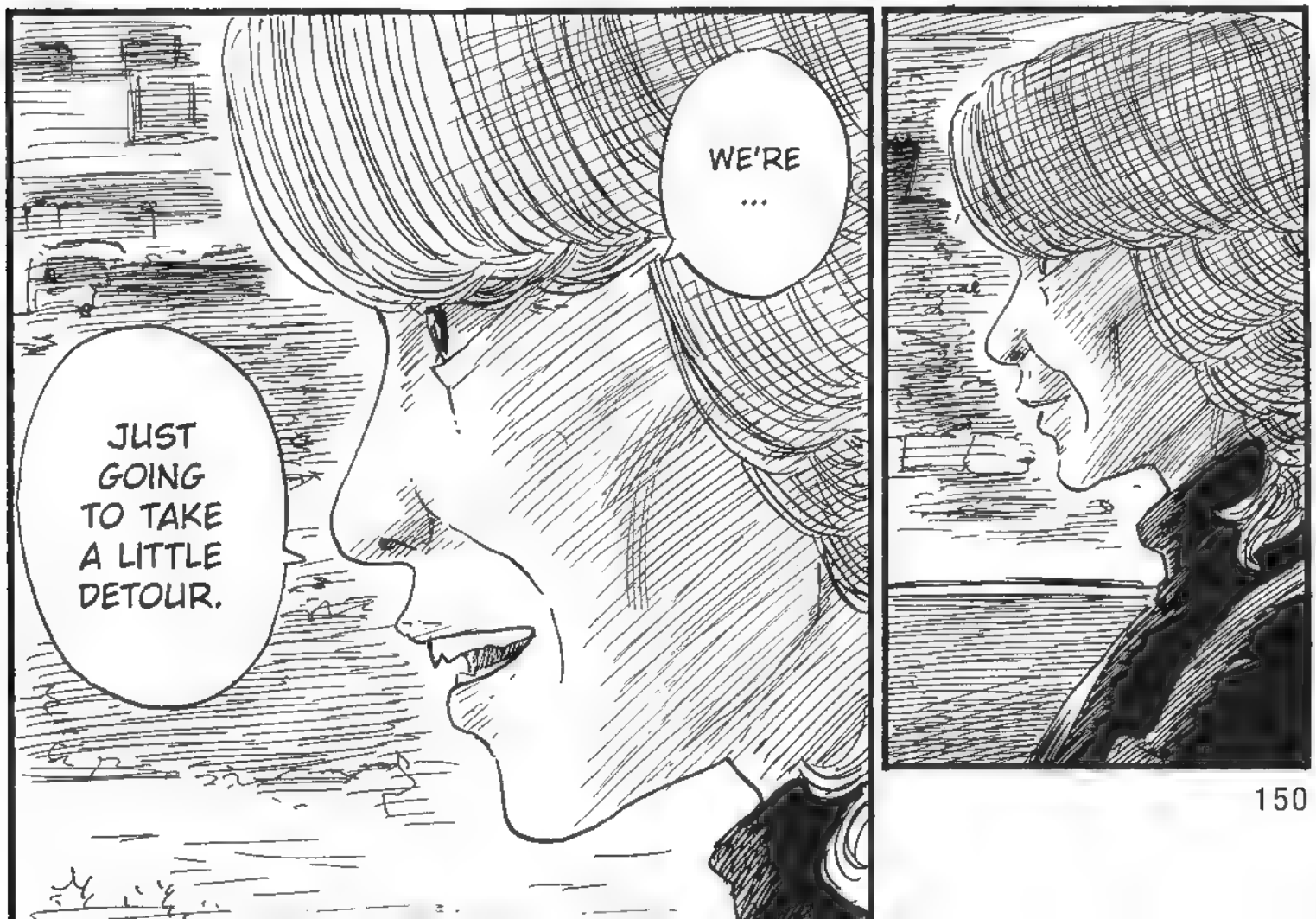



THIS ISN'T ...?
...UM...


JUST GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE DETOUR.
WE'RE ...

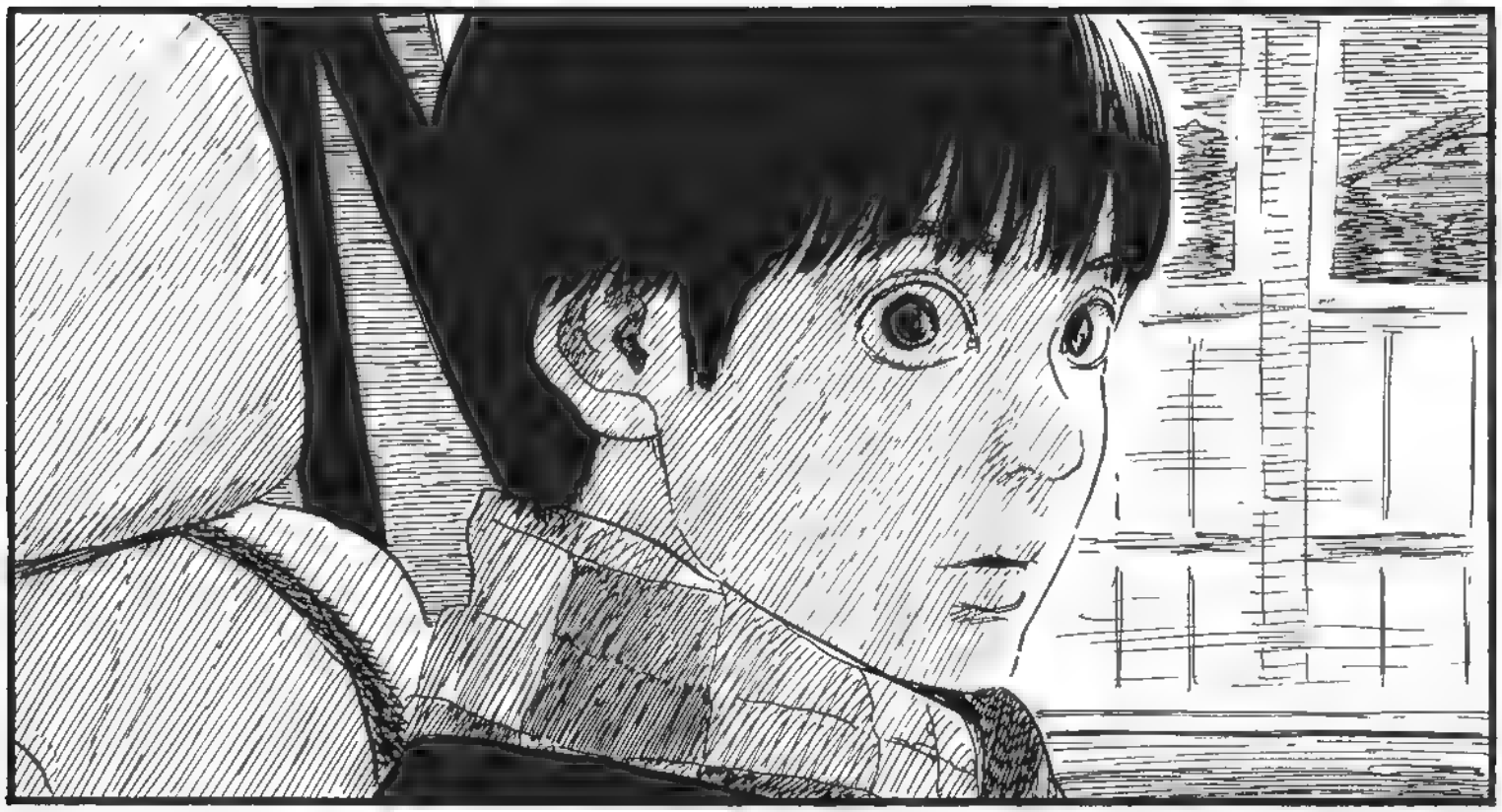
DON'T WORRY.

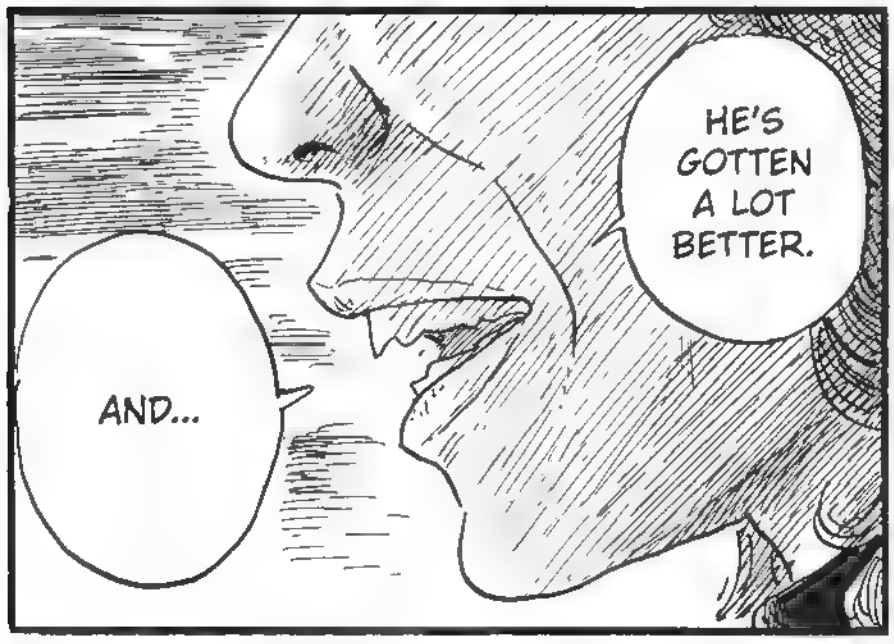
IT'LL BE QUICK.

HUH?

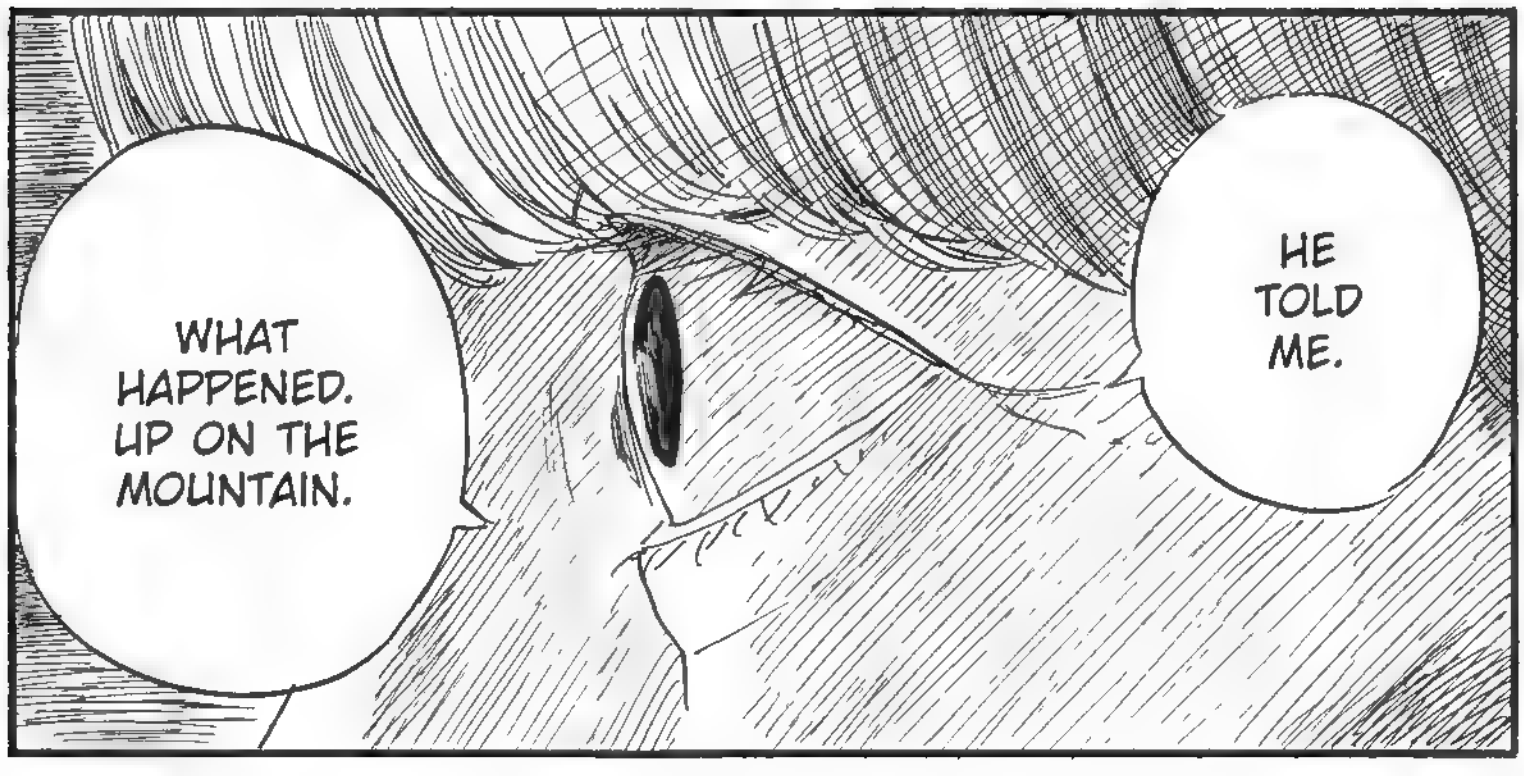
SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOU.

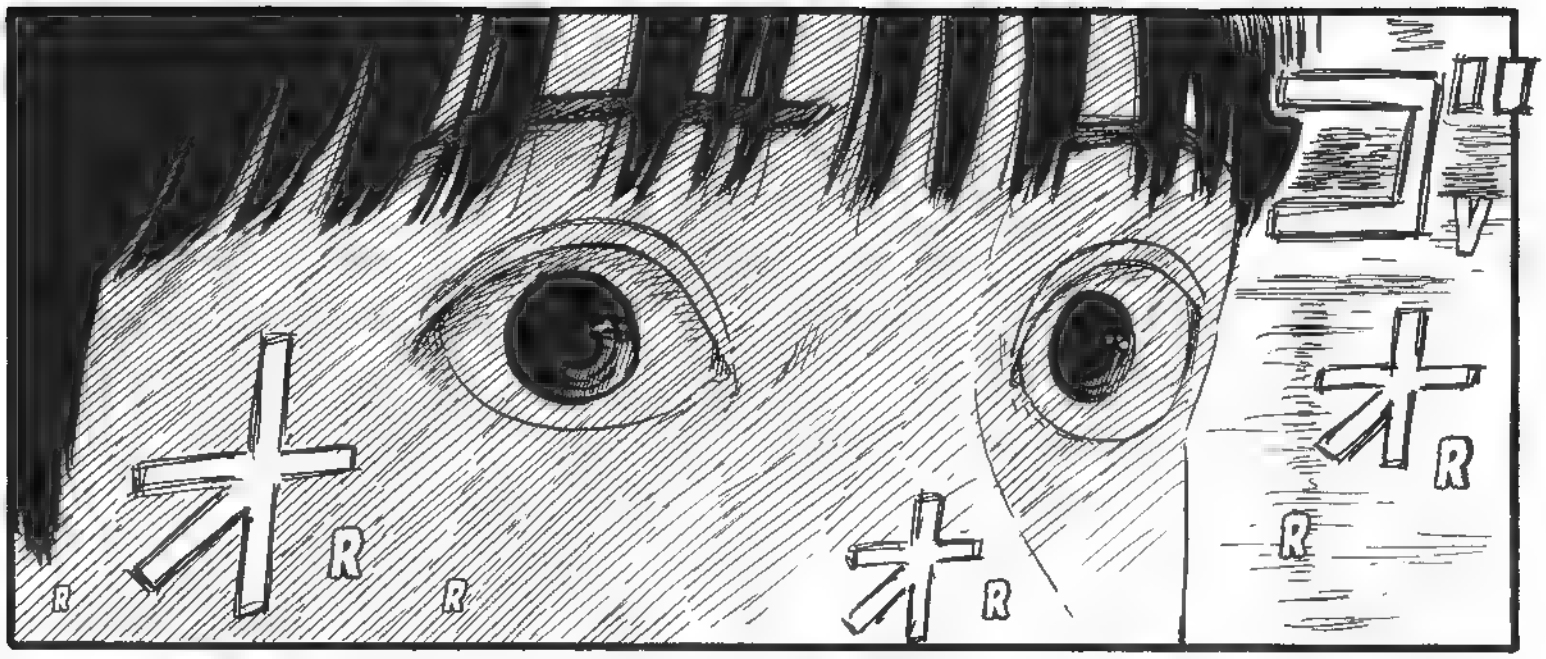
I CAME TO GET YOU BECAUSE THERE'S...



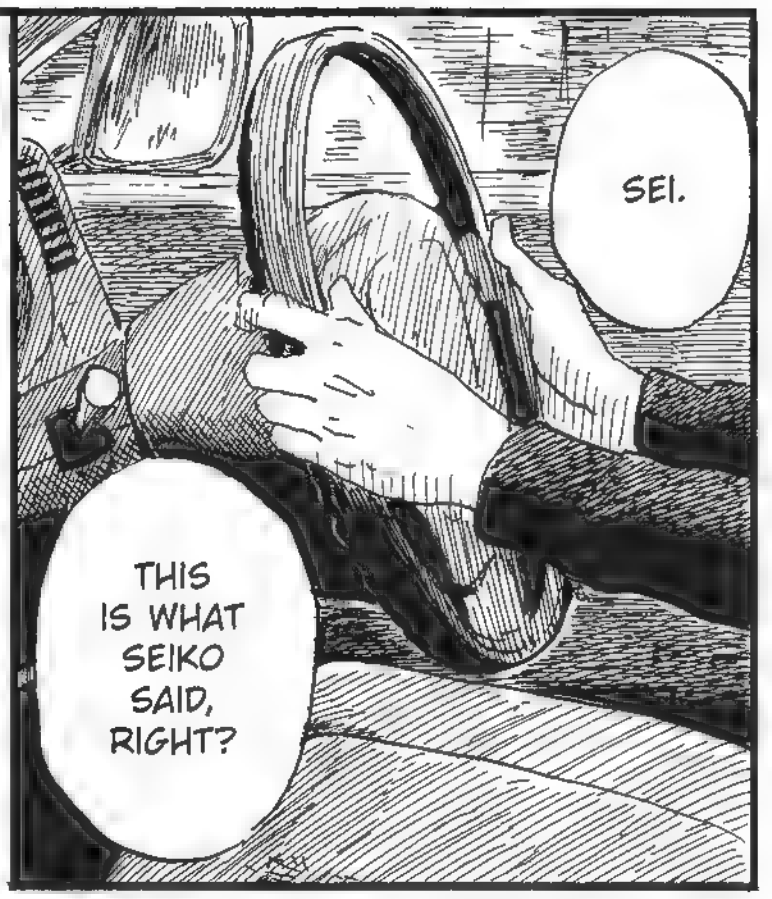

HE'S GOTTEN A LOT BETTER.
AND...

SEE, SHIGERU ...


WHAT HAPPENED. UP ON THE MOUNTAIN.
HE TOLD ME.



THAT SHIGERU
WAS MESSING AROUND ON THE CLIFF BY HIMSELF.


SEI.
THIS IS WHAT SEIKO SAID, RIGHT?

HE LOST HIS BALANCE.
AND SEIKO RAN TO SAVE HIM.

BUT SHE WAS TOO LATE,

AND HE FELL.

BUT, SEE,

SHIGERU TELLS IT DIFFERENTLY.

HE SAYS HE WAS MESSING AROUND ON THE CLIFF

AND LOST HIS BALANCE.

AND GRABBED HIM.

AND THEN SEIKO YELLED, "STOP,"

AND RAN OVER,

BUT THEN,

SHIGERU SAYS

SEIKO SMILED.

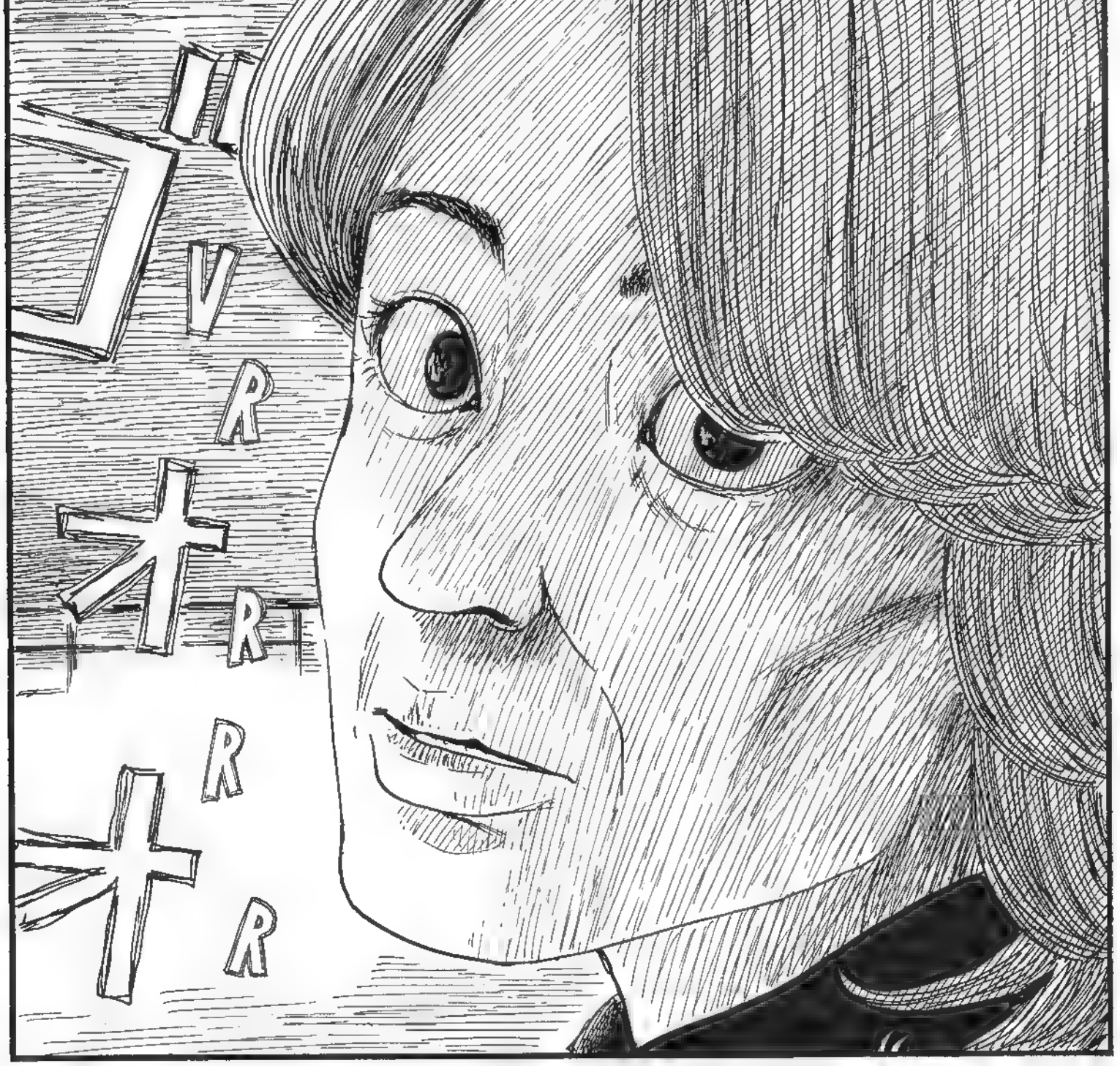
AND PUSHED HIM.

YOU WERE THERE, WEREN'T YOU, SEI?
SEI.
WON'T YOU TELL YOUR AUNTIE?
YOU SAW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.

MOMMY

ISN'T LYING ...!

REALLY ?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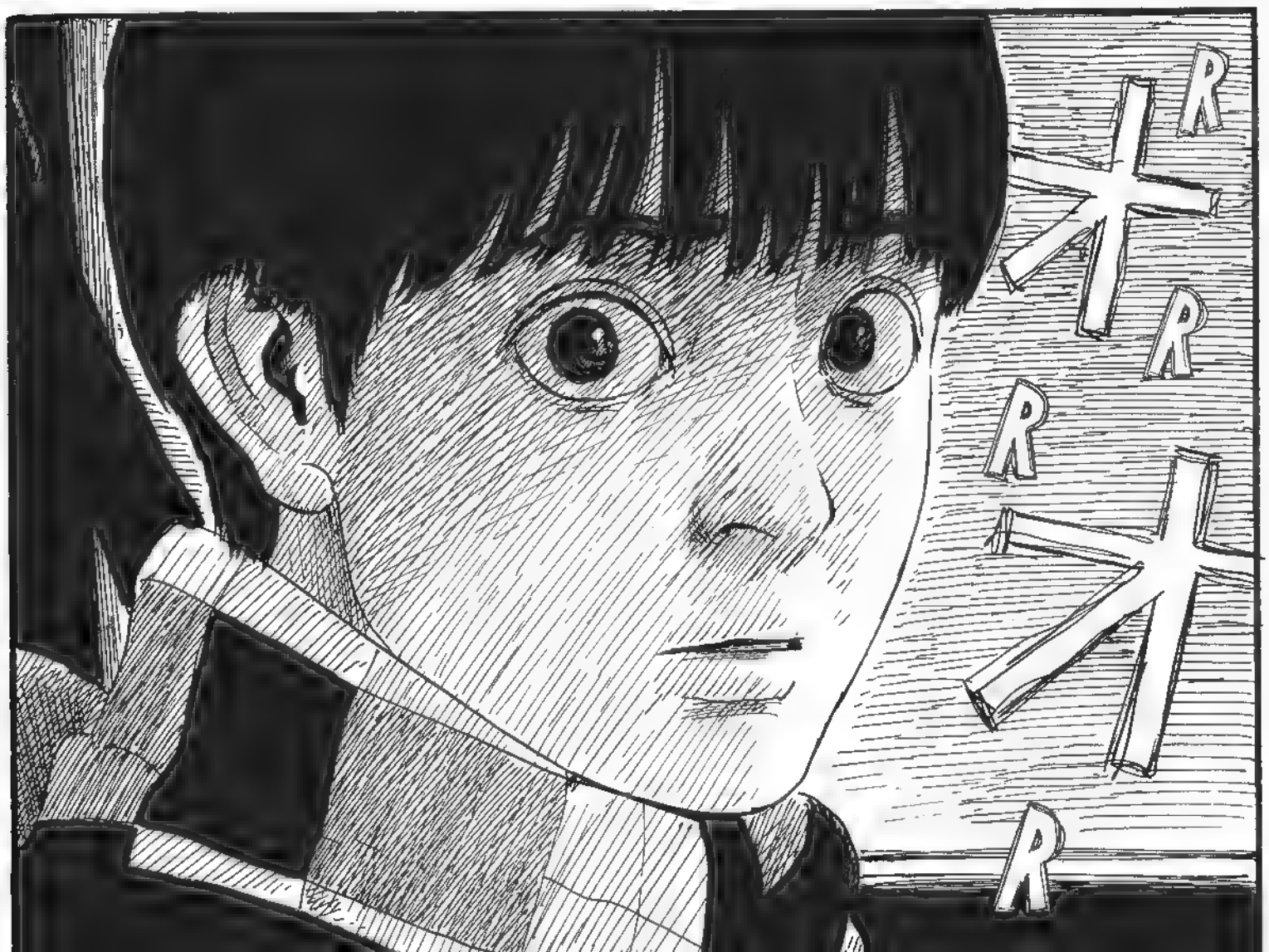

RRRRRR

WAS THAT I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

SEI. THE REASON I WAS ALWAYS CALLING HER OVER-PROTECTIVE

SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN WEIRD.

SEIKO'S WEIRD.

SHE'D CUT YOU OFF AND DO IT FOR YOU.

SHE'S ALWAYS CLUNG TO YOU.

WHENEVER YOU TRIED TO DO SOMETHING,

PUTTING THE STRAWS IN YOUR JUICE BOXES.

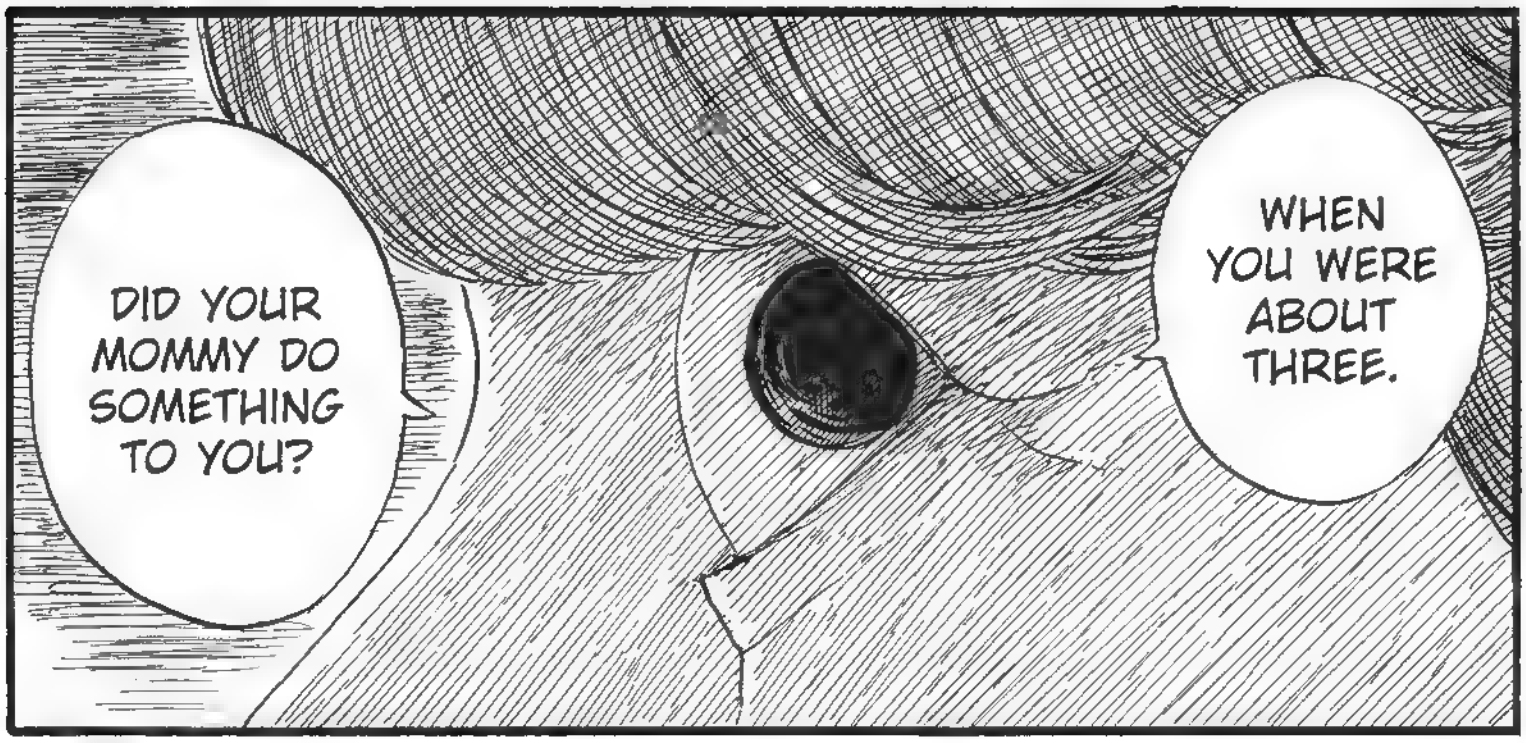
OPENING YOUR SNACKS.

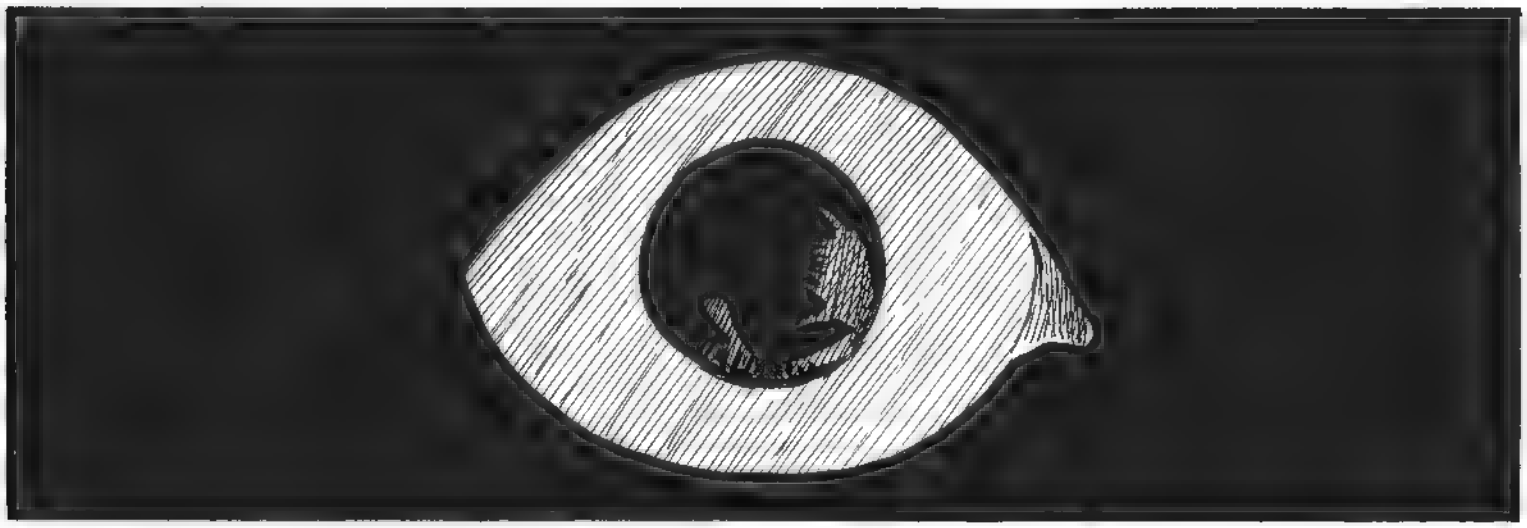
PUTTING ON YOUR SHOES,

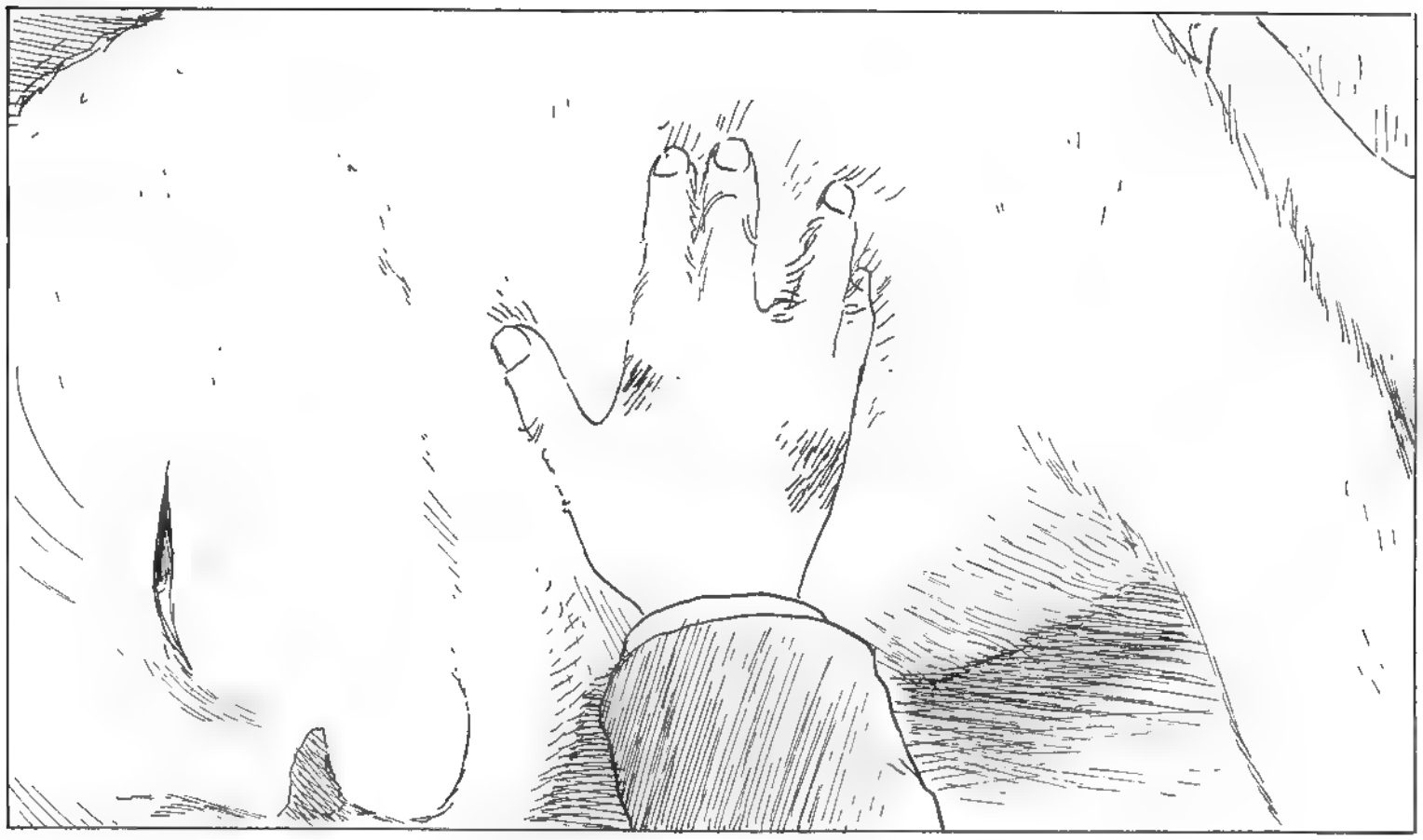
ALSO.

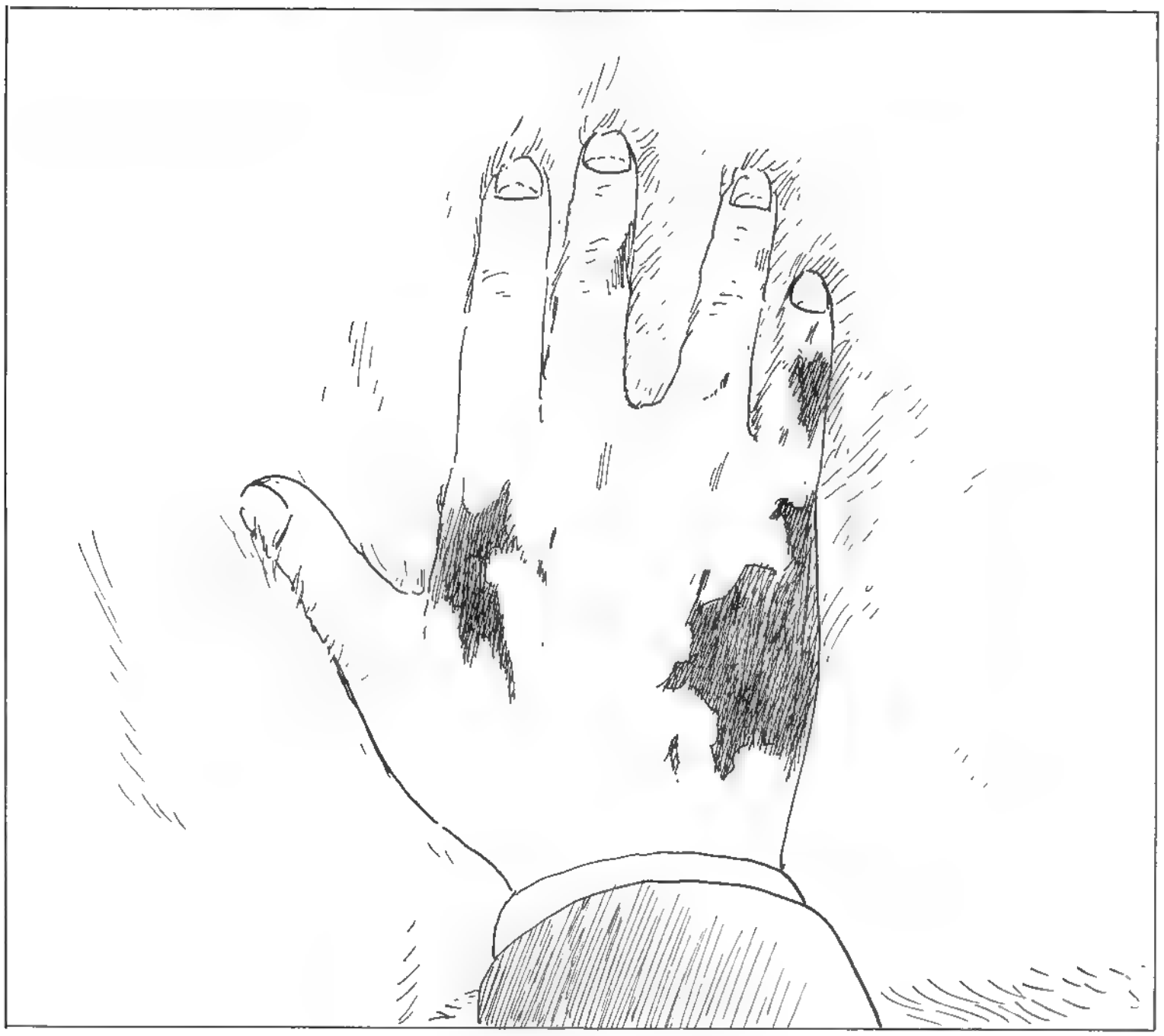
YOU GOT HURT, SEI.

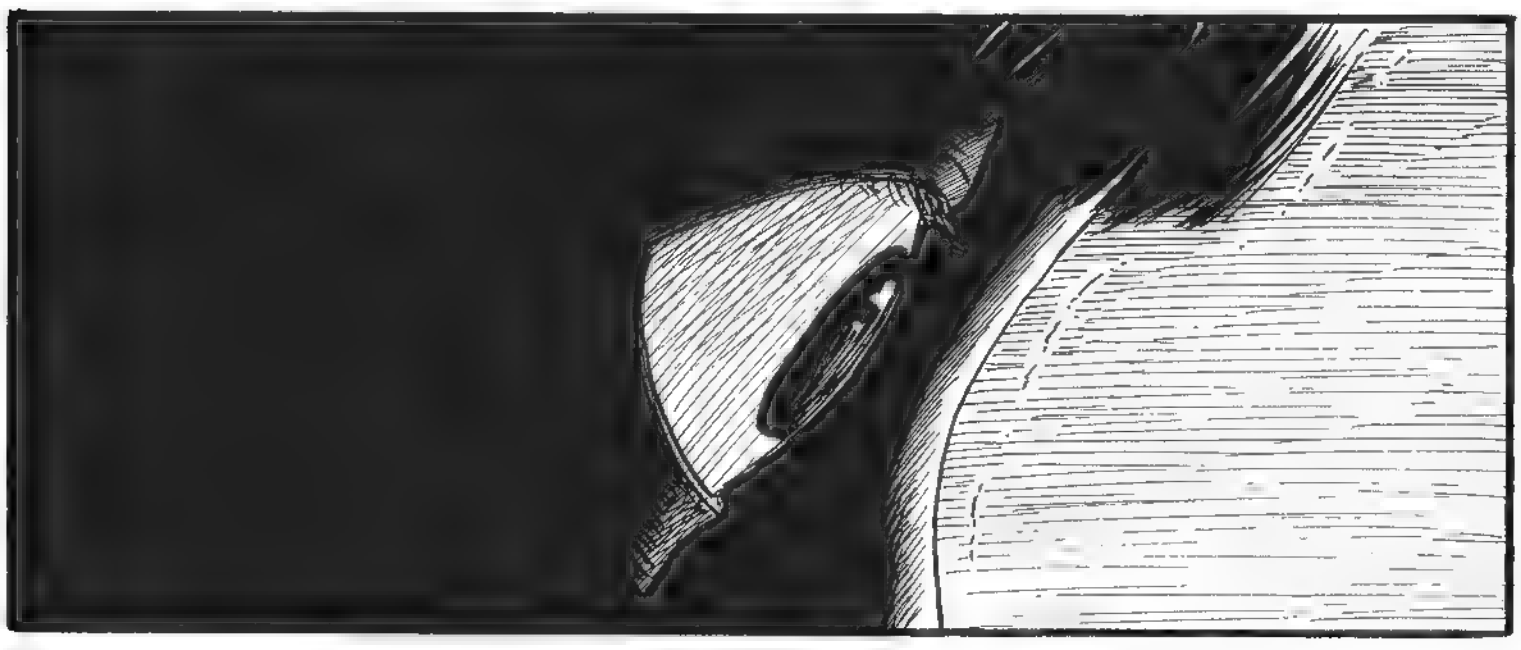
WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE,


DID YOUR MOMMY DO SOMETHING TO YOU?
WHEN YOU WERE ABOUT THREE.







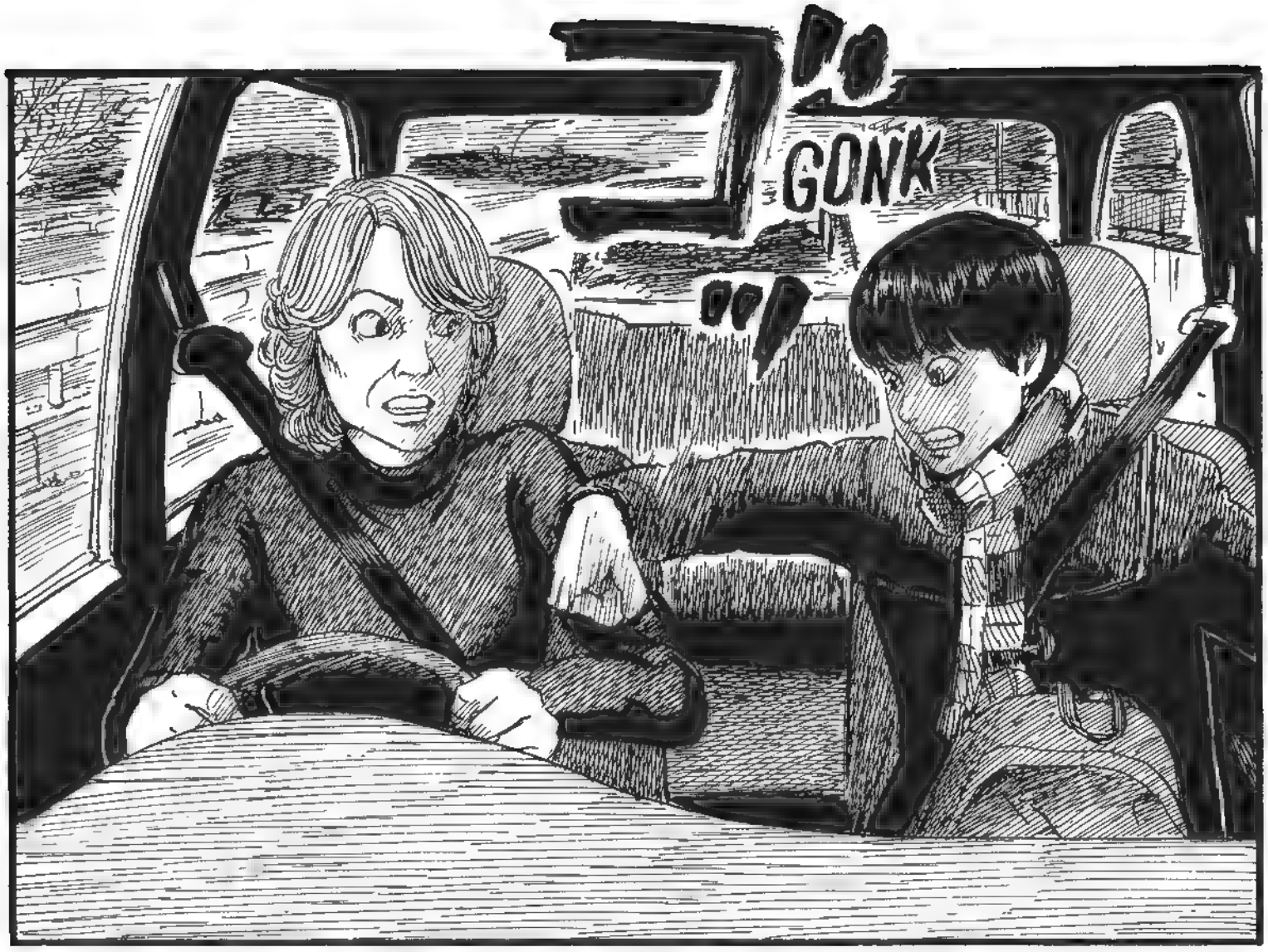


YOUR AUNTIE WILL PROTECT YOU.

IT'S OKAY.

TELL ME. THE TRUTH.

SO.


DO
GONK
"D

URHH
...
HHHHHH!
EEK...

STOP IT!!

ST—

SHUT UP!!!

SHUT UP...

HONK HOOONK

STOP IT, YOU...

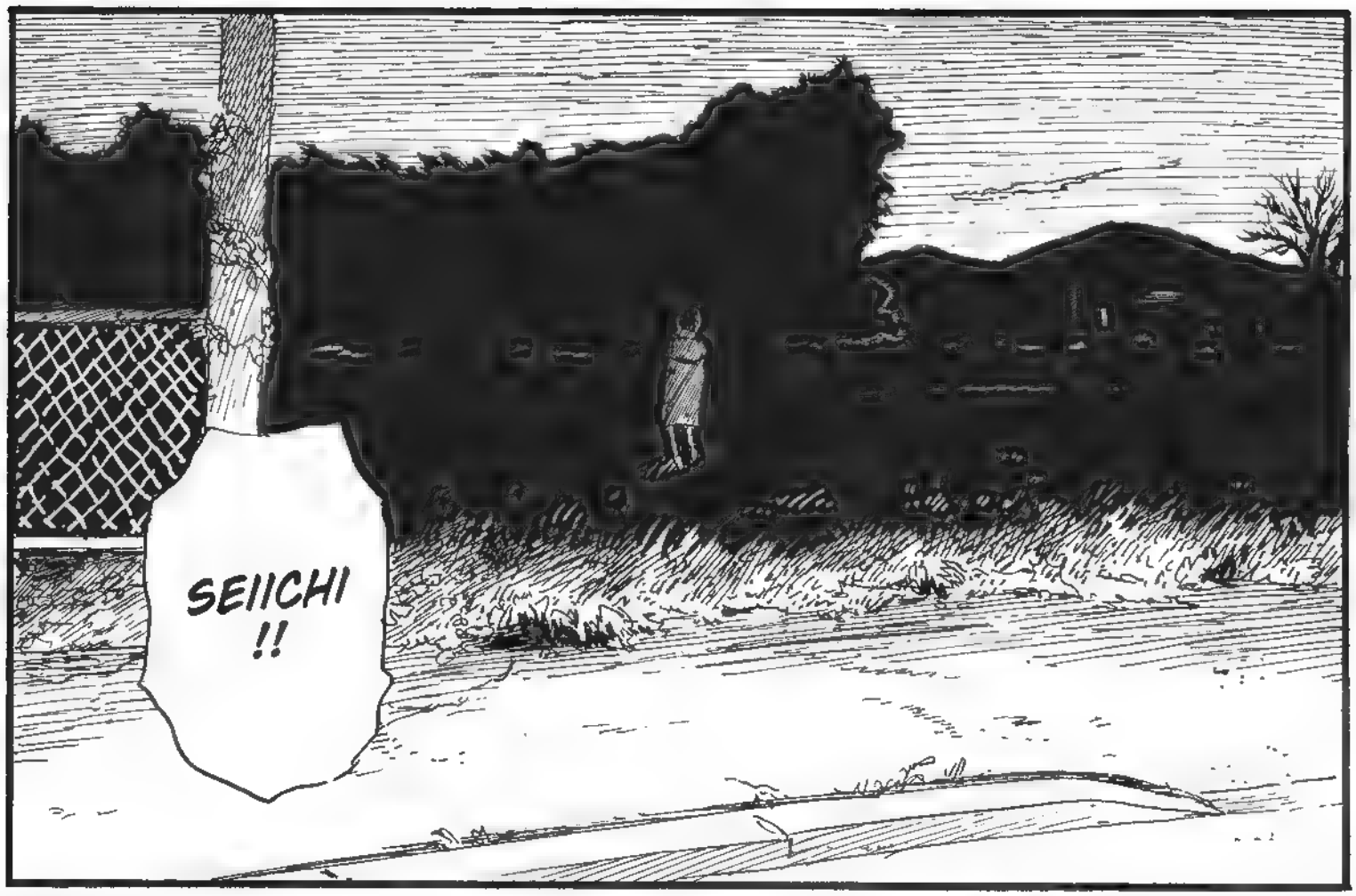
YOU MURDERERS !! YOU AND YOUR MOM, BOTH !!

SKEE

KA-CHIK

WHUP

HEY !!


SEIICHI
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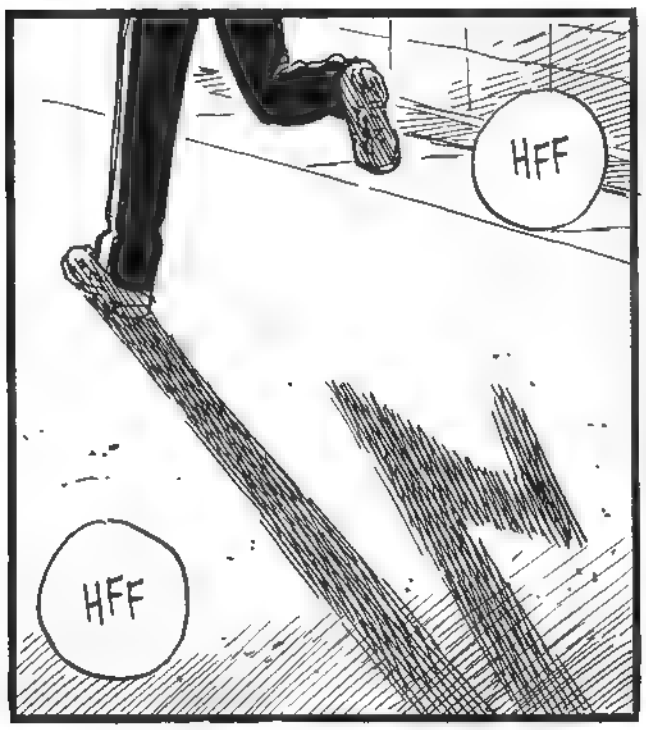
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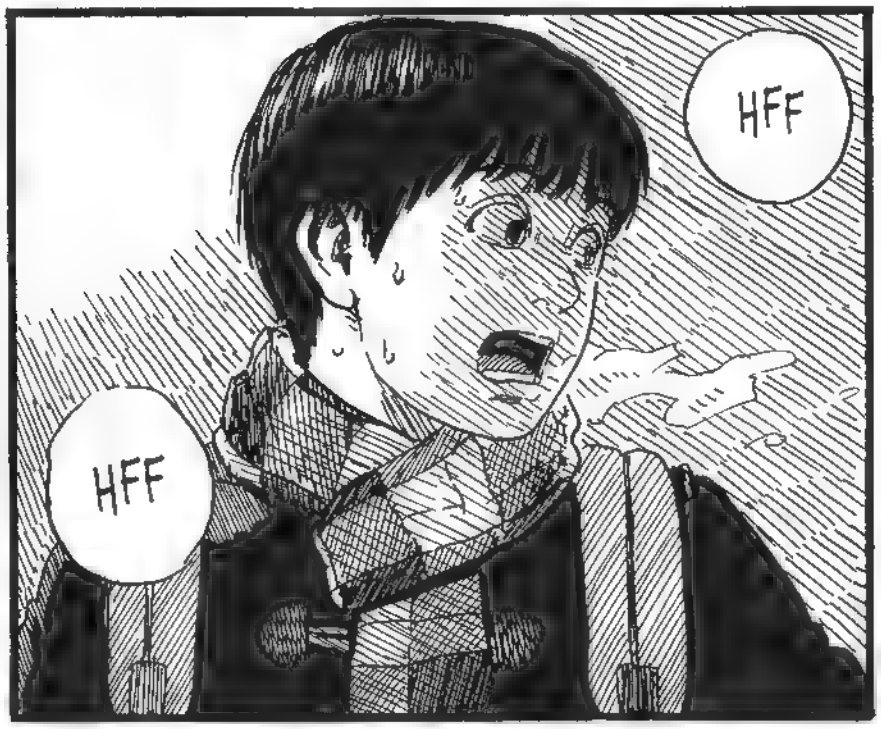
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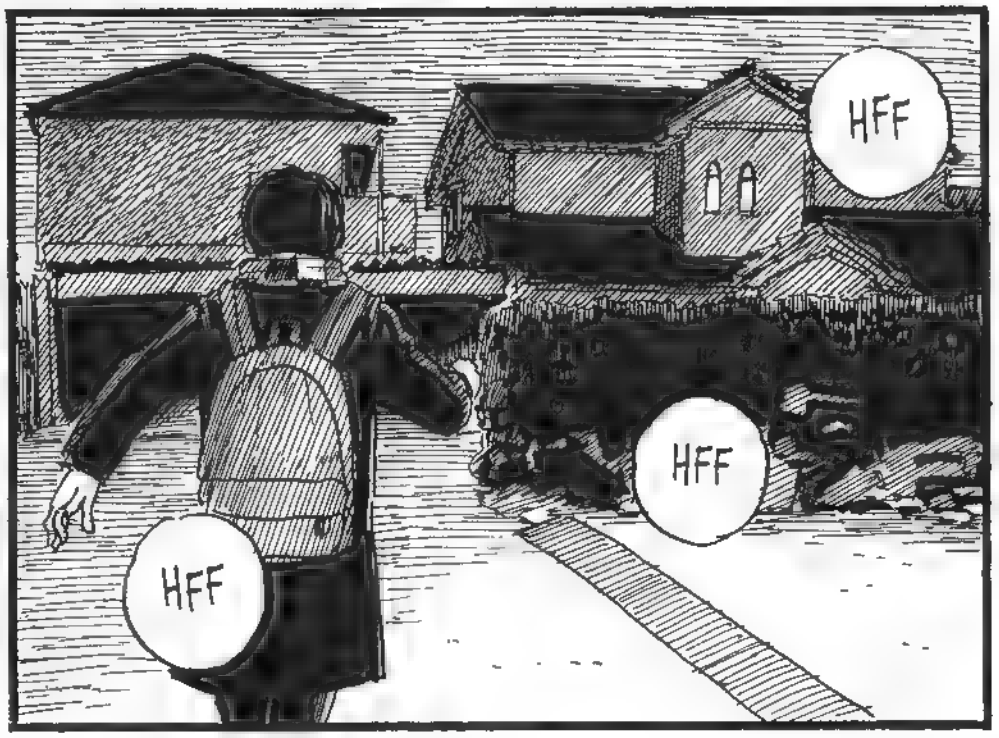
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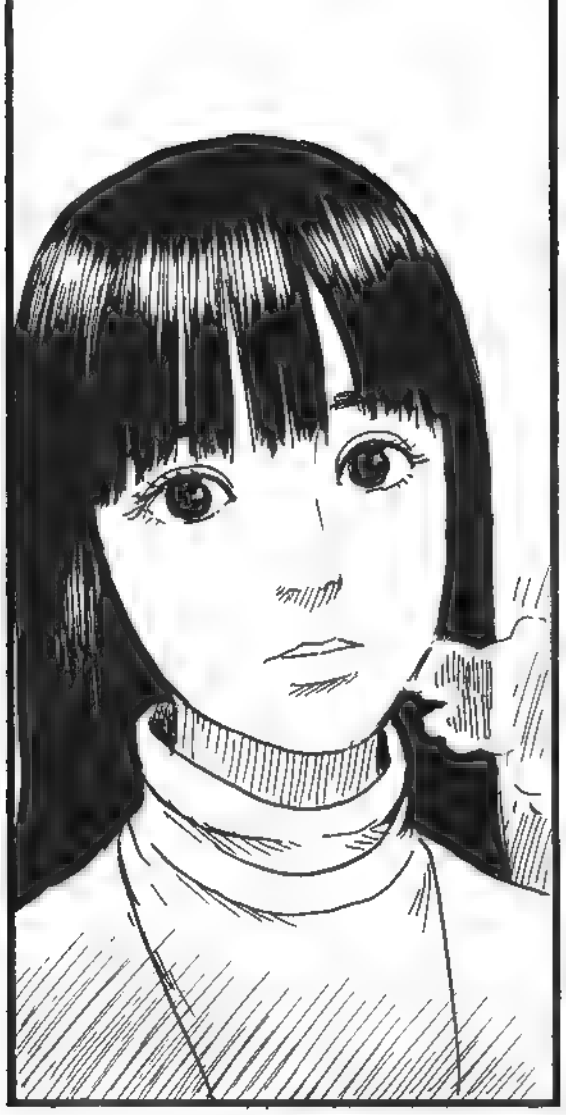
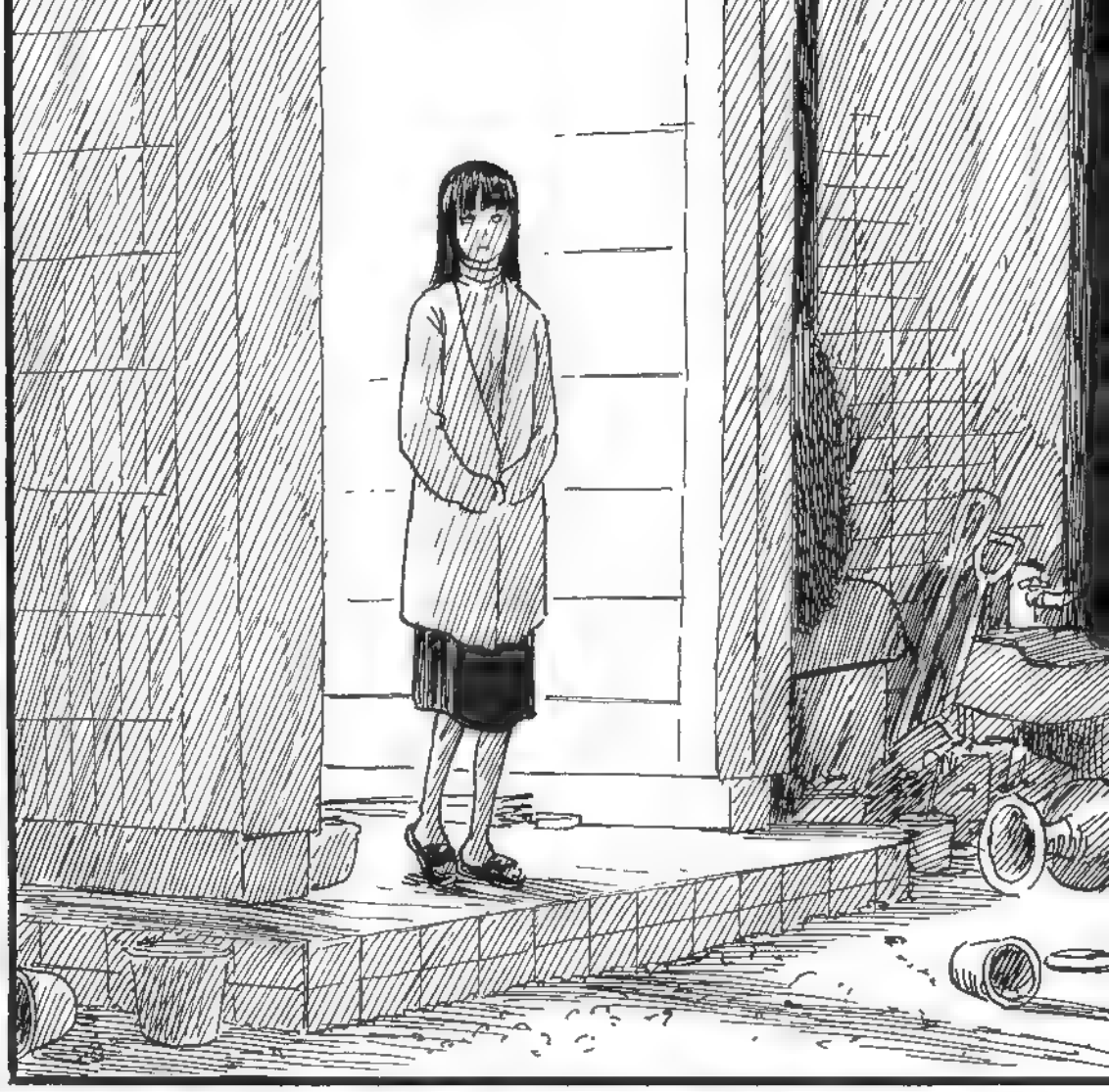




HUFF

YOU'RE LATE.

UM...

PLEASE,

DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE WITH FUKIISHI AGAIN?

NO...

NO! IT WAS AUNTIE ...!

COME INSIDE.

HUFF

HUFF...

HUH ...?

HERE.

HAVE SOME WARM MILK.
I PUT A LITTLE SUGAR IN IT.

SLUP
ズ"
ズ"!!

fff
fff

fff

2-1
OSABE

...SO?

hff..

WHAT
HAPPENED
?

SAID SHE'D DRIVE ME HOME...

I WAS... ON MY WAY HOME...

AND AUNTIE PULLED UP IN HER CAR... SHE CALLED OUT TO ME...

...

SHE...

TRICKED ME...

REALLY, SHE...

WANTED TO GRILL ME.

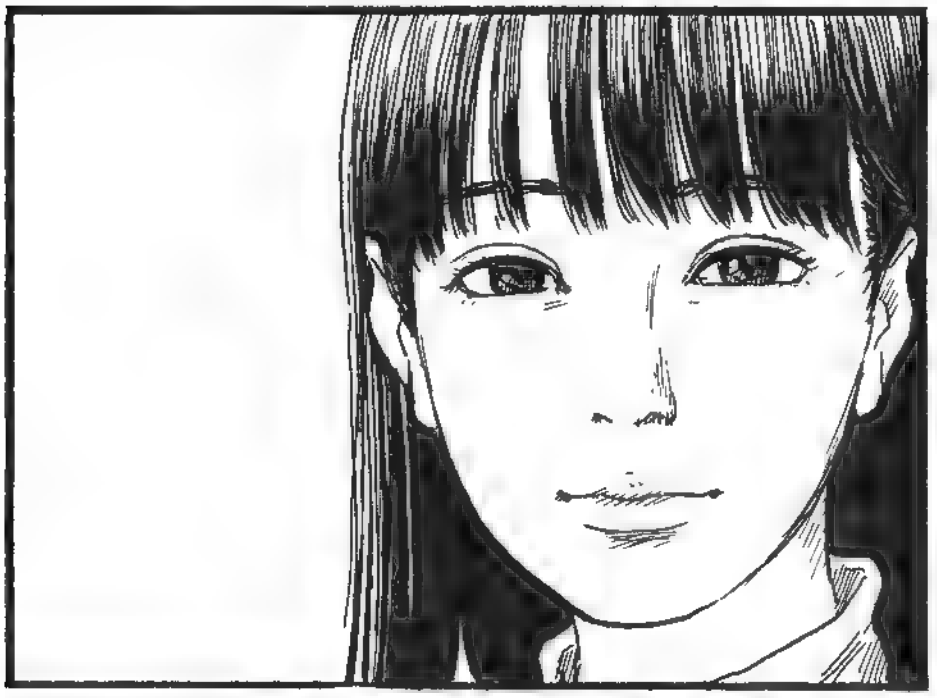
...ABOUT WHAT?

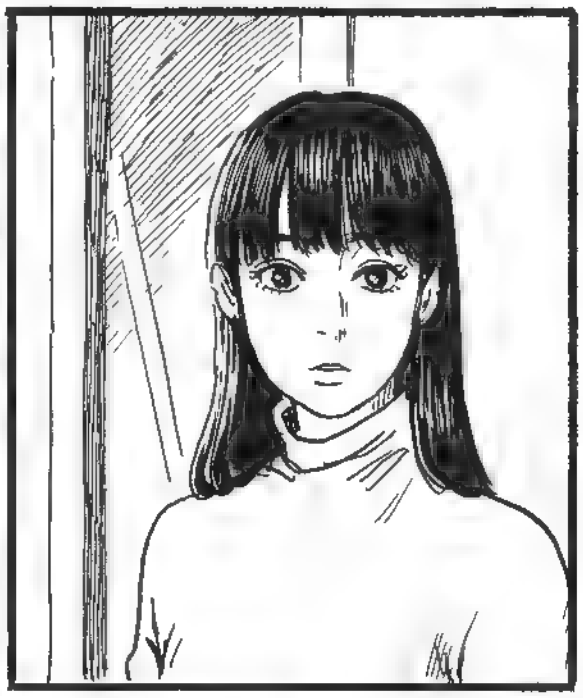
SHE SAID... SHIGE TOLD HER.

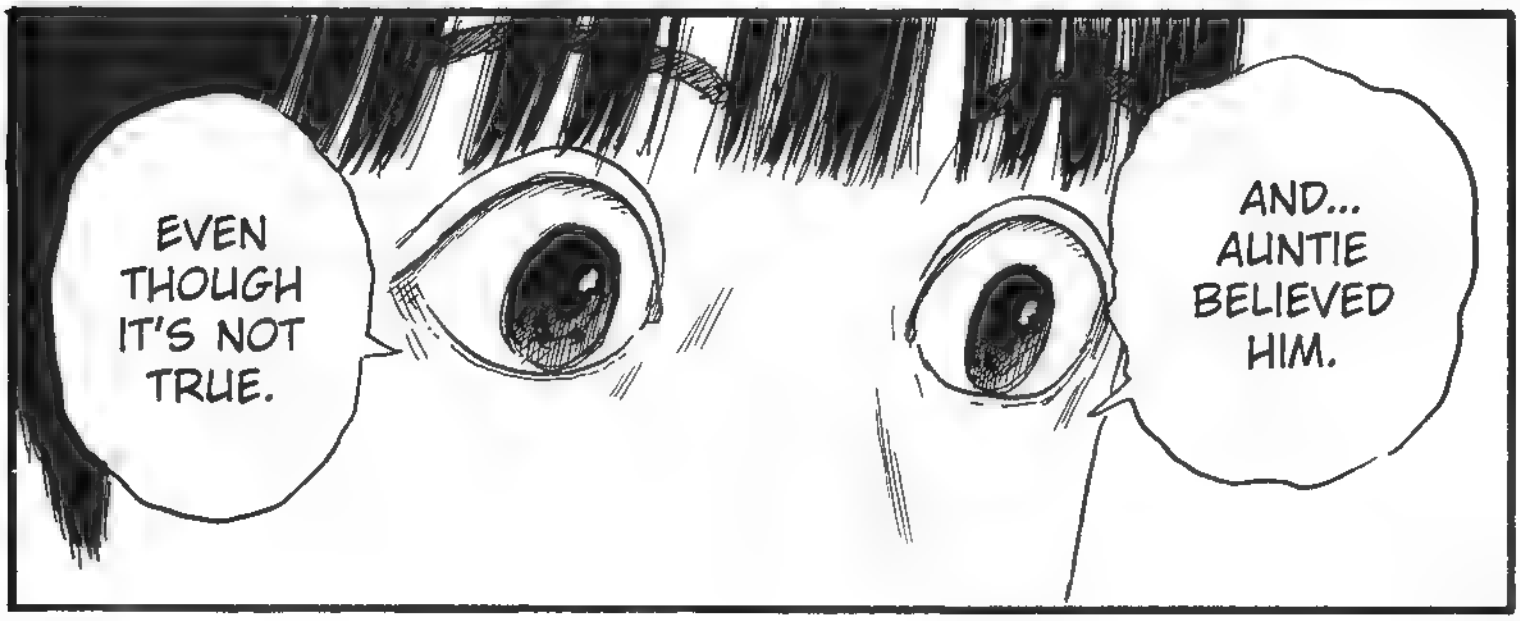
...ABOUT... THAT TIME...

WHAT DID HE SAY?

OFF THE CLIFF.
HE SAID... YOU PUSHED HIM.






EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT TRUE.
AND... AUNTIE BELIEVED HIM.

...SH!

SHE WAS LIKE, "TELL ME THE TRUTH OR ELSE!"

SHE SAID... "YOU SAW IT, DIDN'T YOU?"

"YOU MURDERERS! YOU AND YOUR MOM, BOTH"...

SHE SAID...

AH HA HA HA HA HA HA
AH HA...

AND?

SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...

HFFF... I SEE...

IS THAT ALL?

AL...SO...

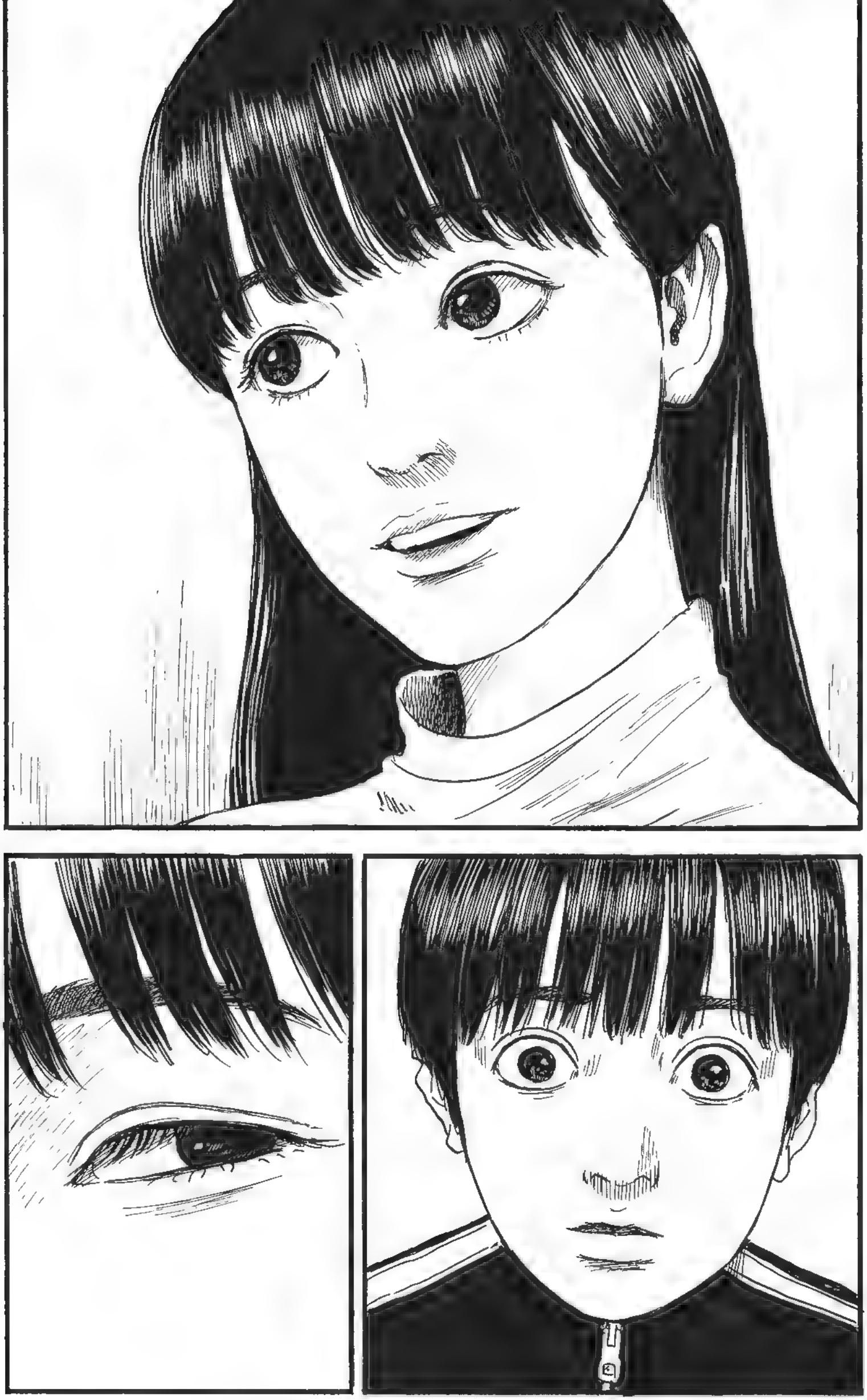
ALSO...

2-1
OSABE

WHEN I WAS THREE...

SHE SAID I GOT... HURT...

IS THAT TRUE?



...HUH?

I WONDER IF EVERYONE KNOWS BY NOW?

WELL...

...ICHIRO.

YOUR UNCLE...

YOUR GRANDMA AND GRANDPA ...

DO THEY ALL THINK WE'RE MURDERERS?

DO THEY ALL THINK WE'RE EVIL?

GOING TO COME TAKE ME AWAY?

ARE THE POLICE...

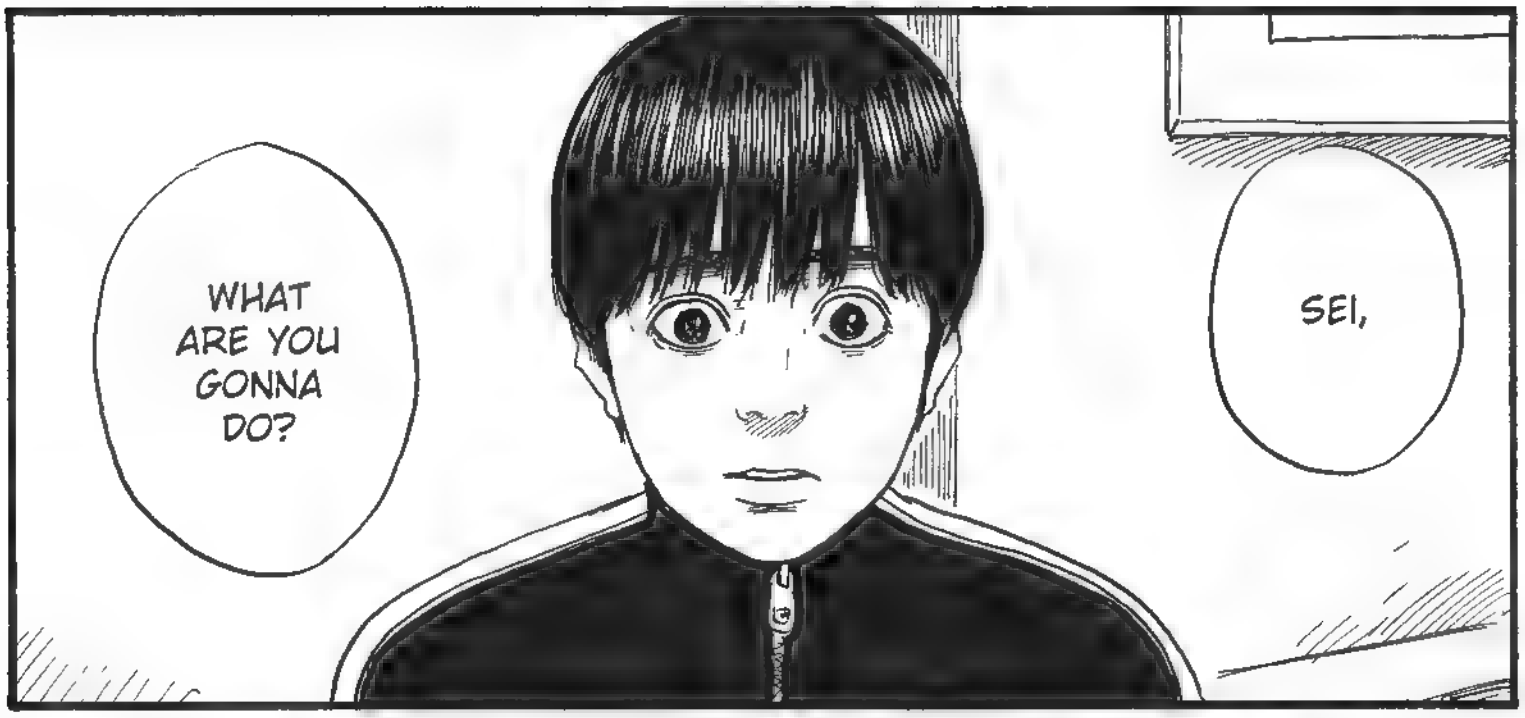
WILL I FINALLY GET TO LEAVE?

AND IF THEY DO...

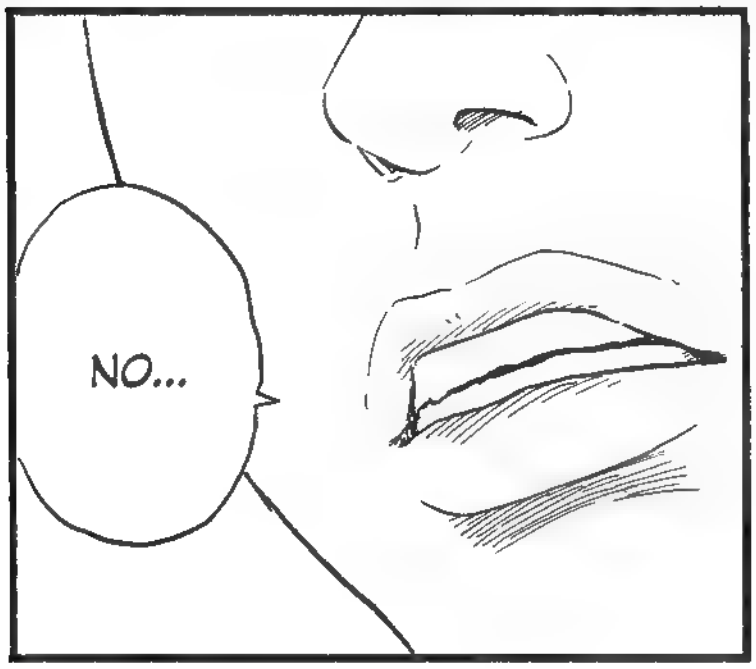
LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND.

THIS HOUSE. EVERYTHING.

WHEN WILL THEY COME TAKE ME AWAY FROM ALL THIS?
WHEN DO YOU THINK THEY'LL COME?
TEE HEE HEE HEE !
OHHH, I CAN'T WAIT!


WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
SEI,

WITHOUT ME THERE?
THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH DADDY'S FAMILY?


NO...

I WON'T... LET THEM BLAME YOU...

NO... I CAN'T STAND IT...

LET THEM TAKE YOU...

I WON'T...

I'LL...

IF THEY DO...

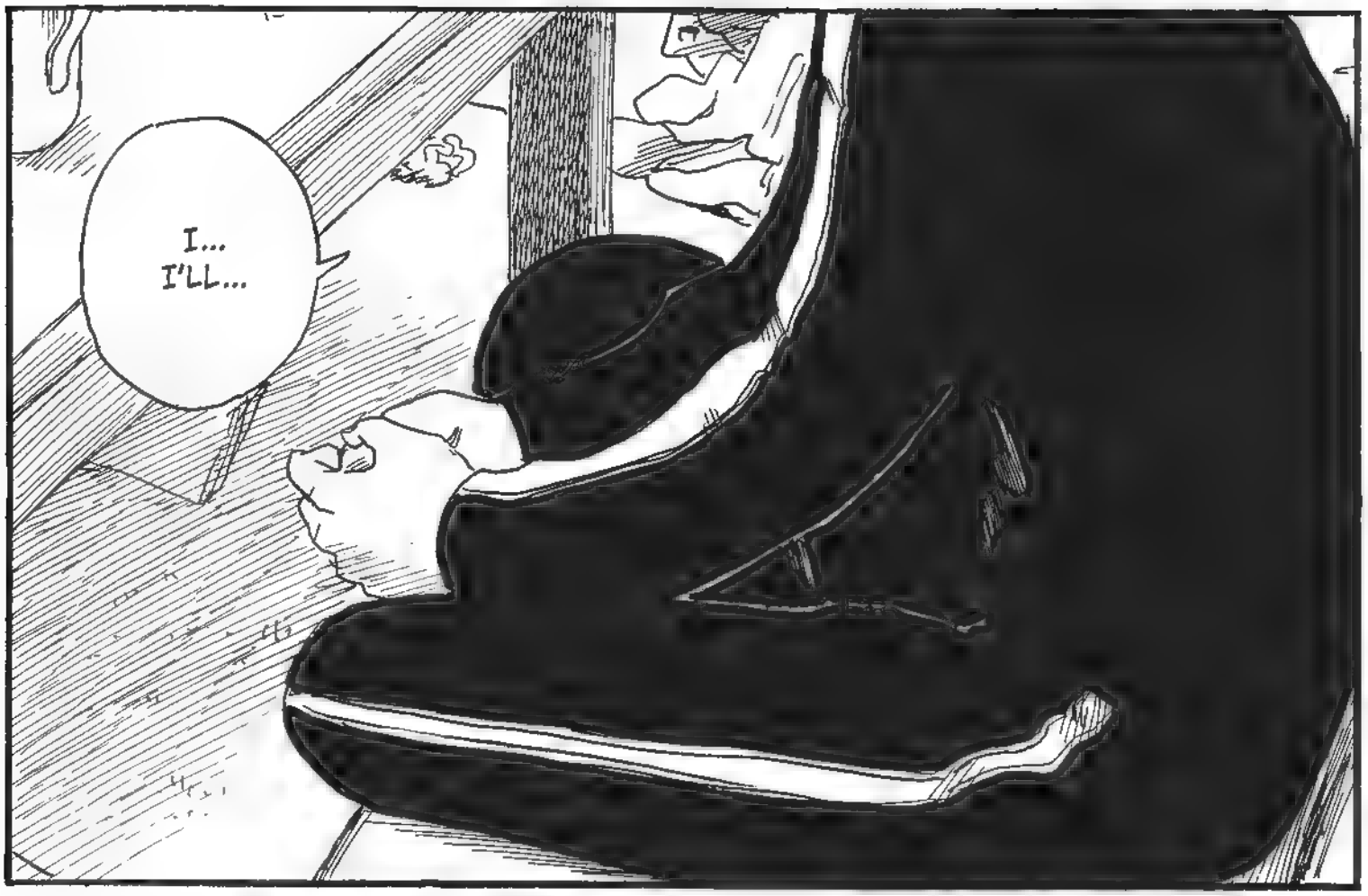
IF THEY...

I'LL...

NEVER FORGIVE THEM...!

THEN WHAT WILL YOU DO? FOR ME?

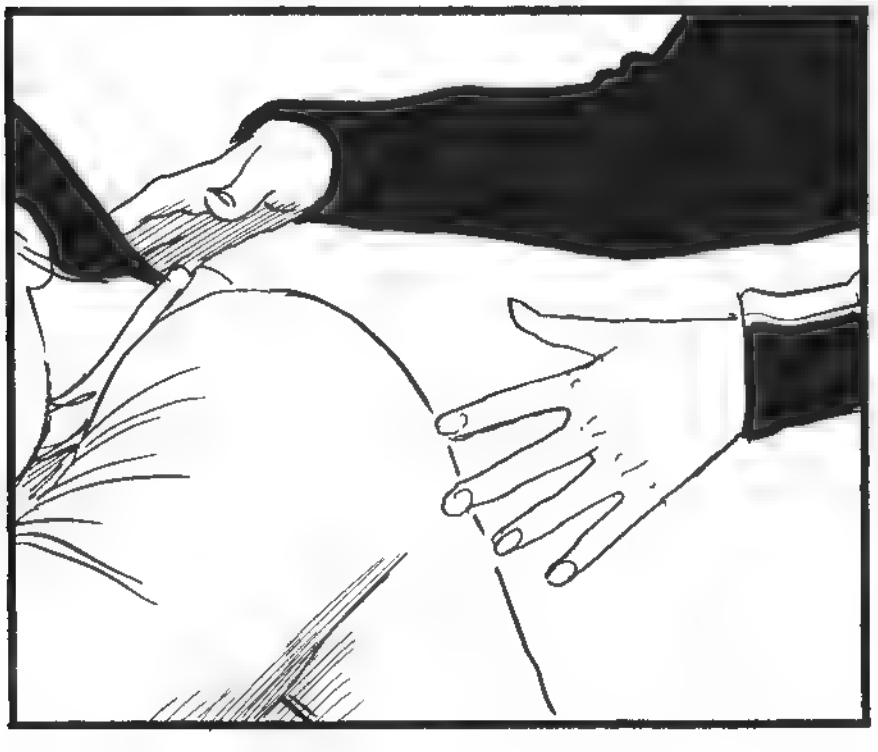
NO...?


I...
I'LL...

COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.
YOUR MOMMY

I NEVER COULD STAND IT.
JUST TAKING CARE OF YOU AND ICHIRO.
ALL THIS TIME, I'VE BEEN RIGHT HERE.

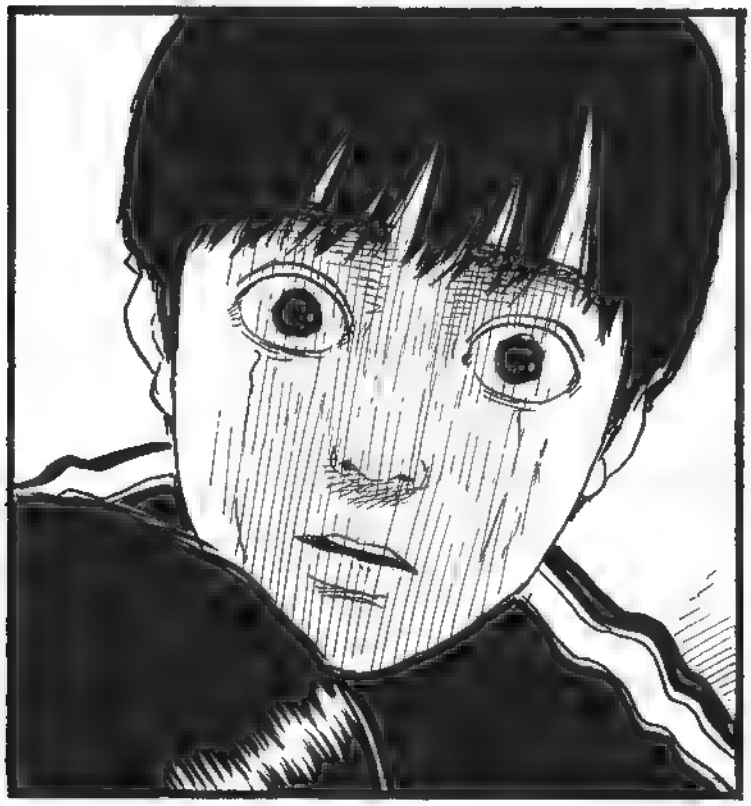
SO I'VE ONLY GOT ONE CHOICE. TO DISAPPEAR.
I COULDN'T STAND ANY OF IT.

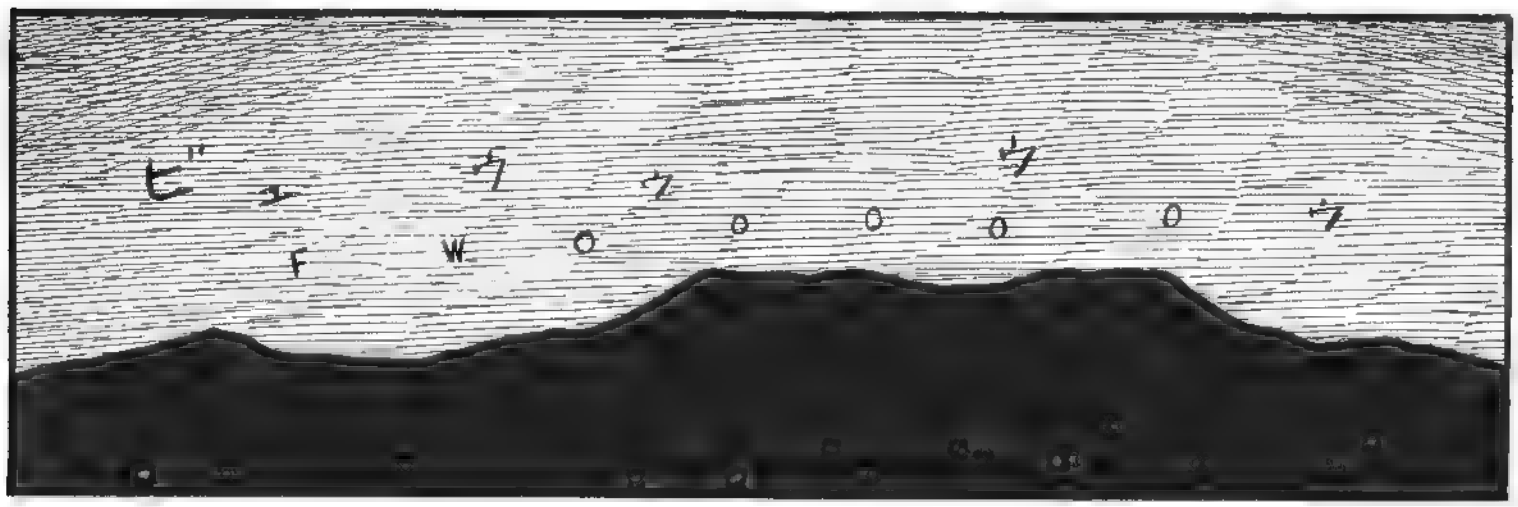


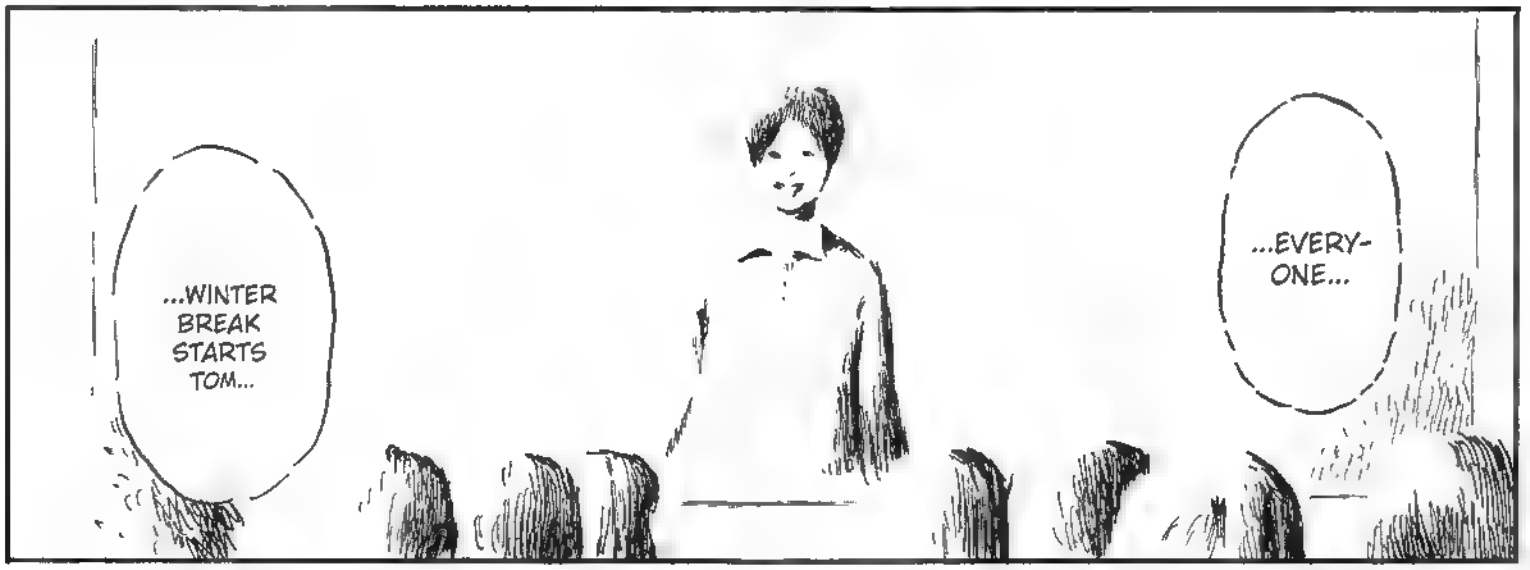
OSABE

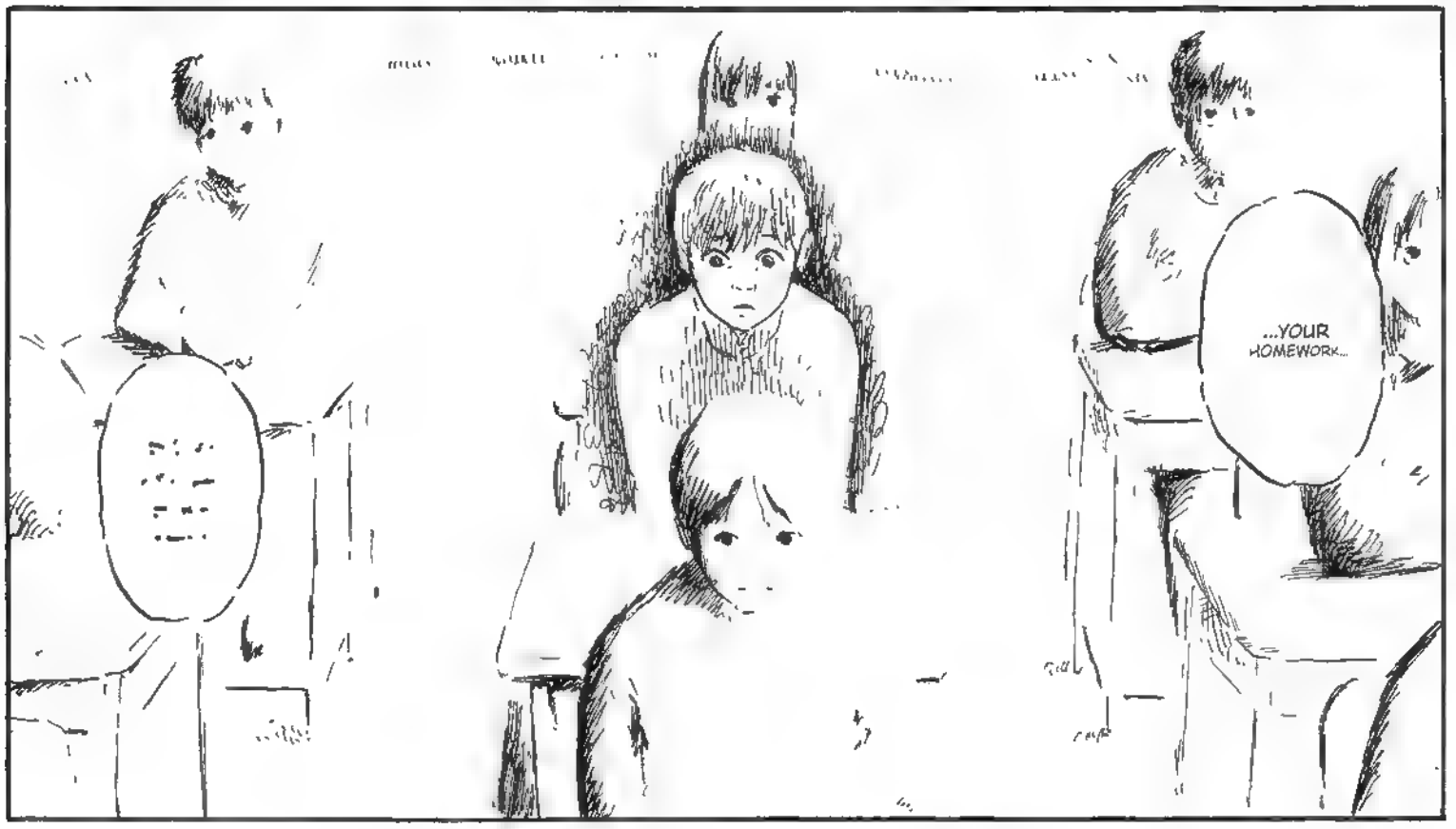
I'LL DISAPPEAR WITH YOU.
IF YOU DISAPPEAR...

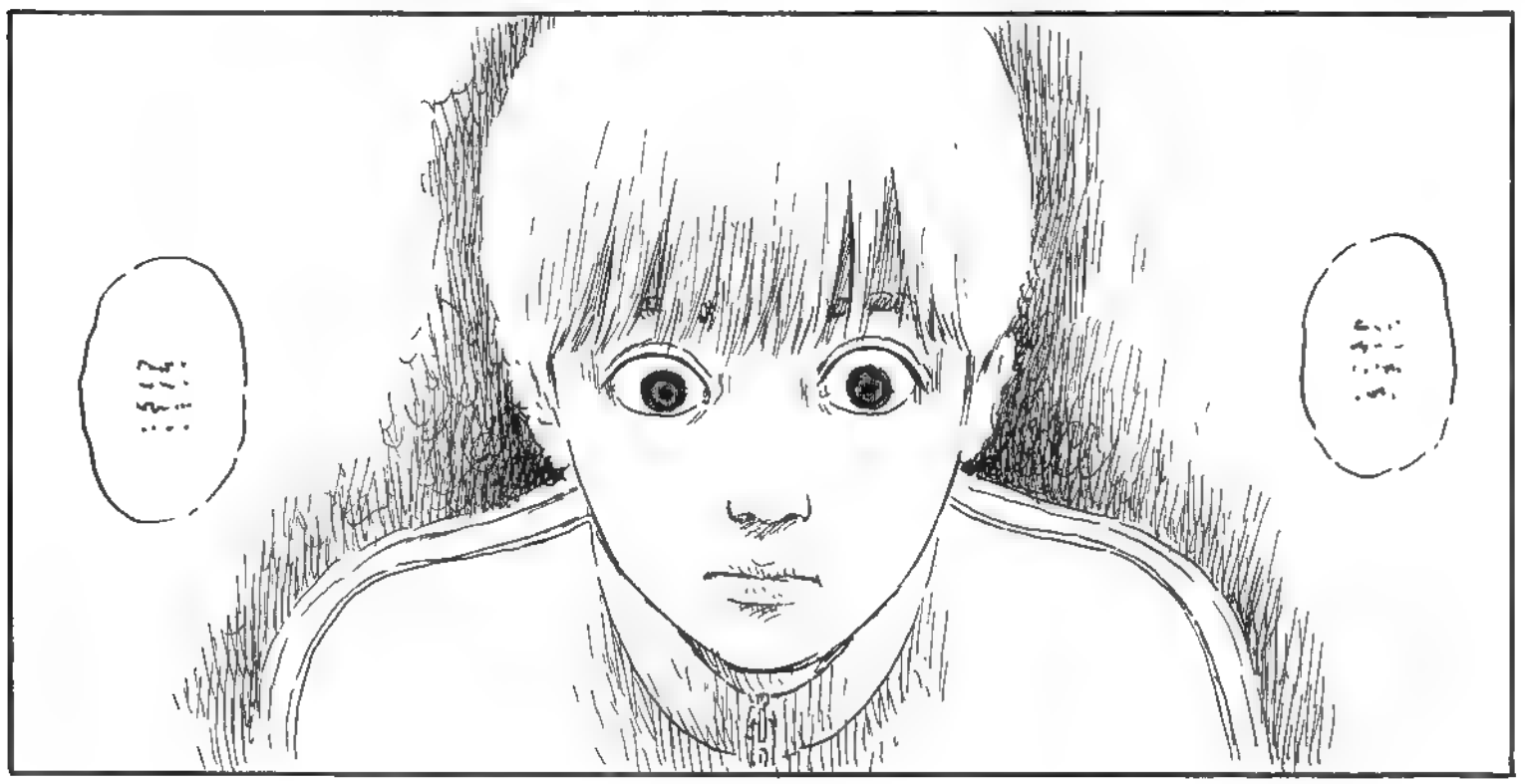
MOMMY
...






...WINTER BREAK STARTS TOM...
...EVERY-ONE...


...
...YOUR HOMEWORK...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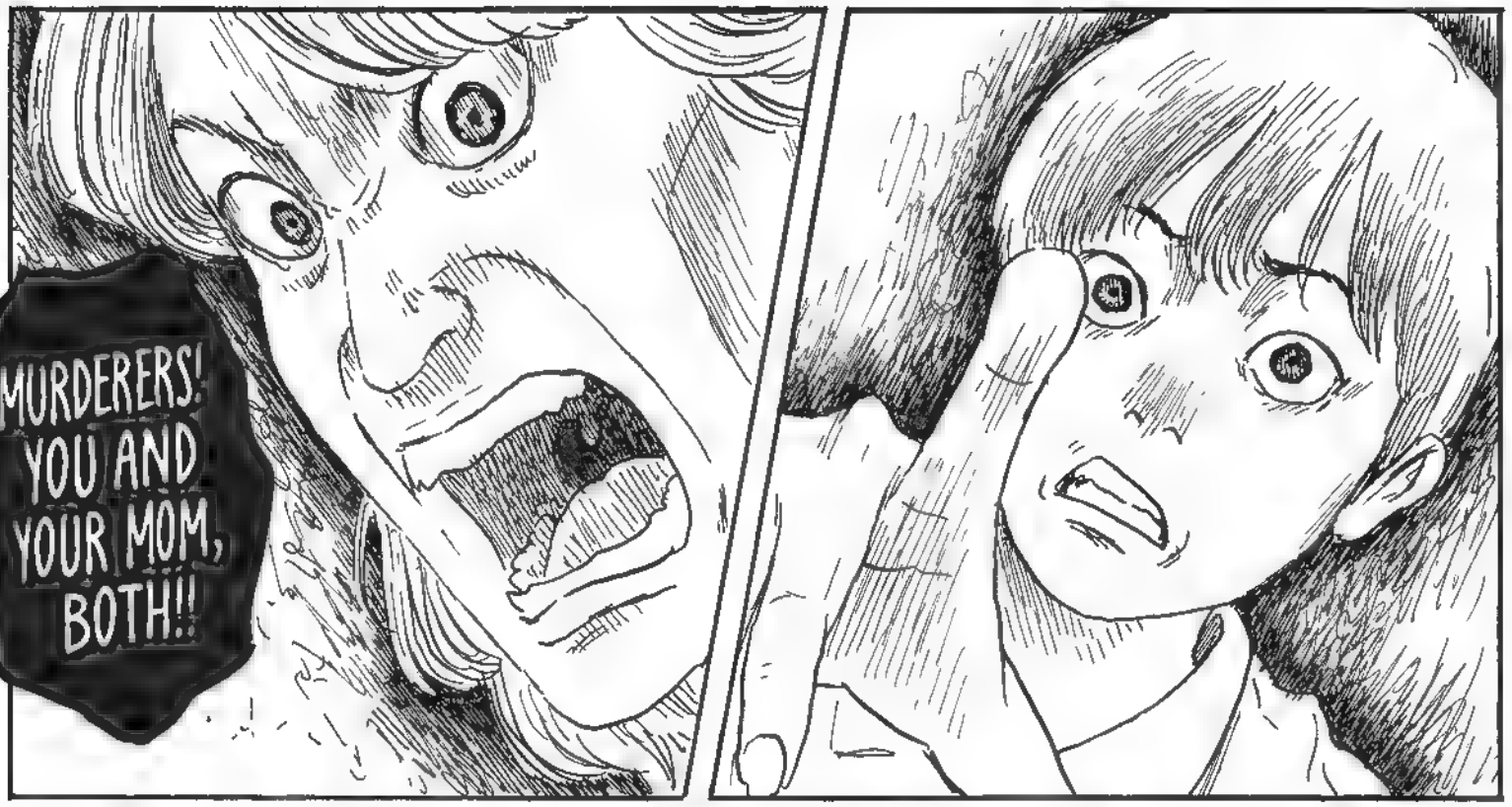

MURDERERS! YOU AND YOUR MOM, BOTH!!

I CAN'T STAND IT...
I CAN'T STAND IT...

WHAT WILL YOU DO? FOR ME?
IF YOU CAN'T STAND IT,

SEI!
BYE BYE.
YOU'RE JUST LIKE DADDY AFTER ALL.
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING, CAN YOU?

USELESS.

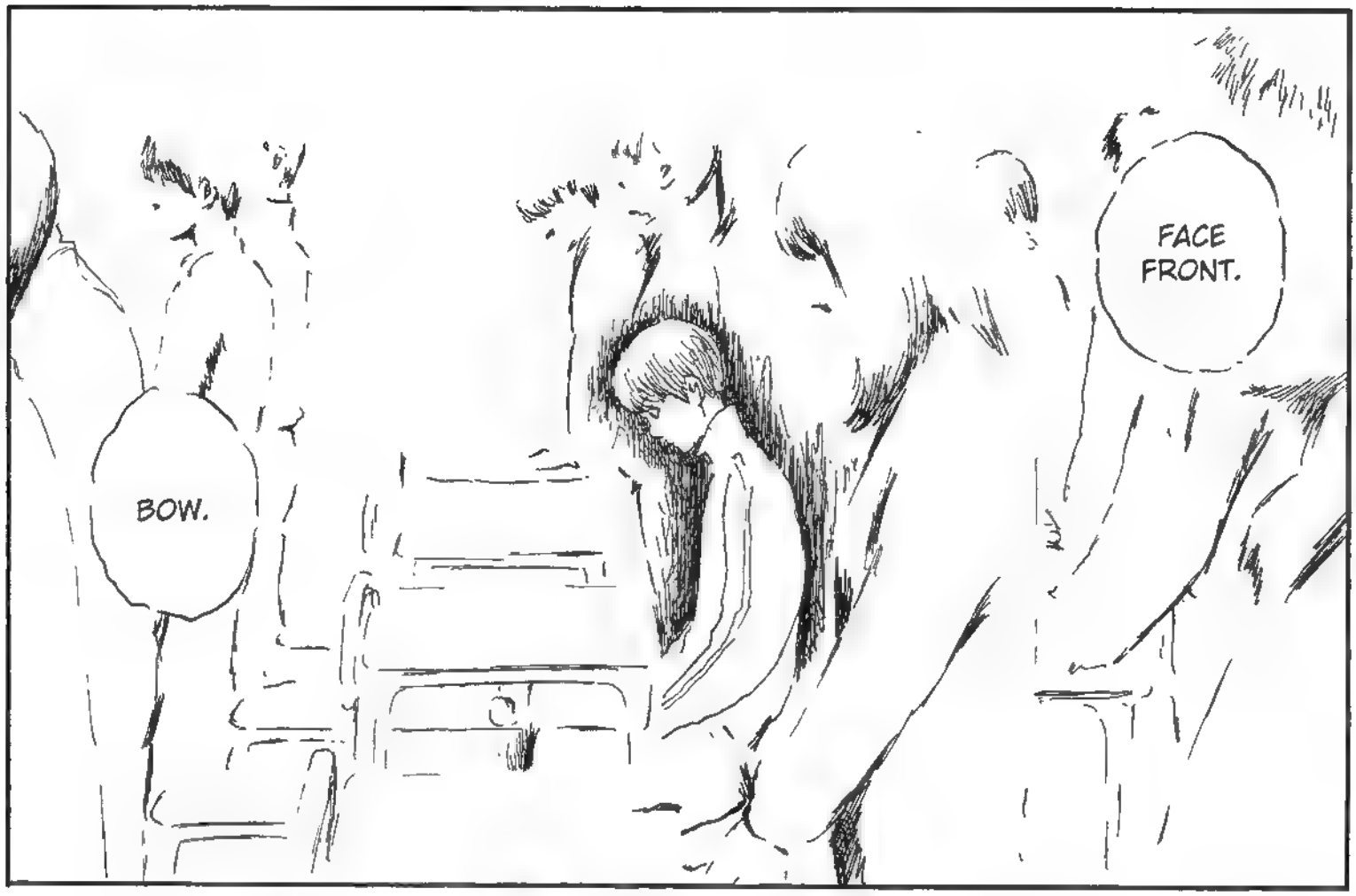
NO,

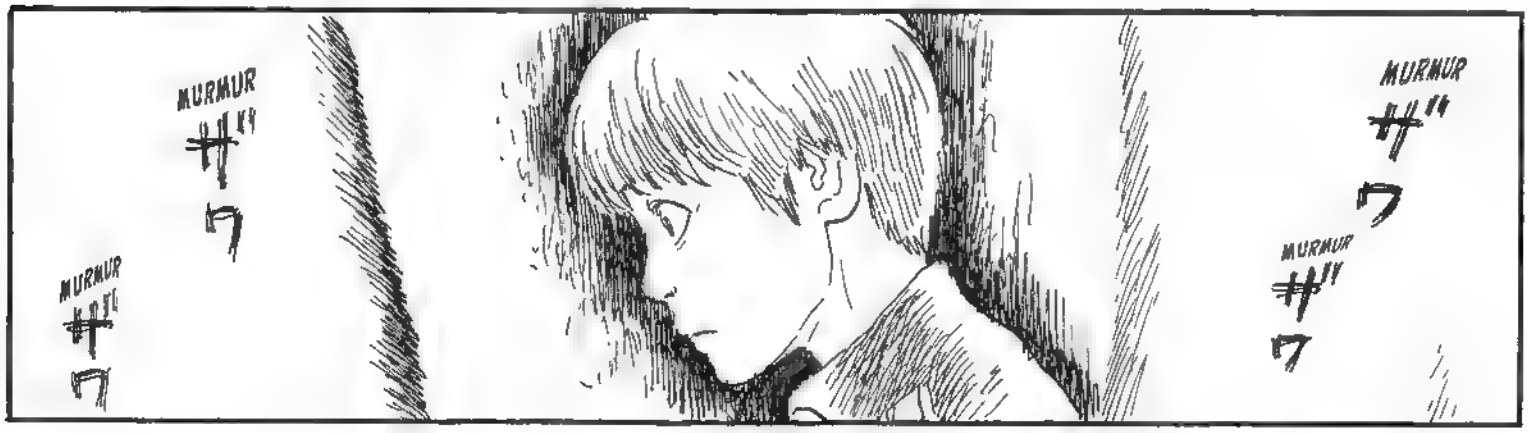
NO,

NO...

NO...

...RISE...


BOW.
FACE FRONT.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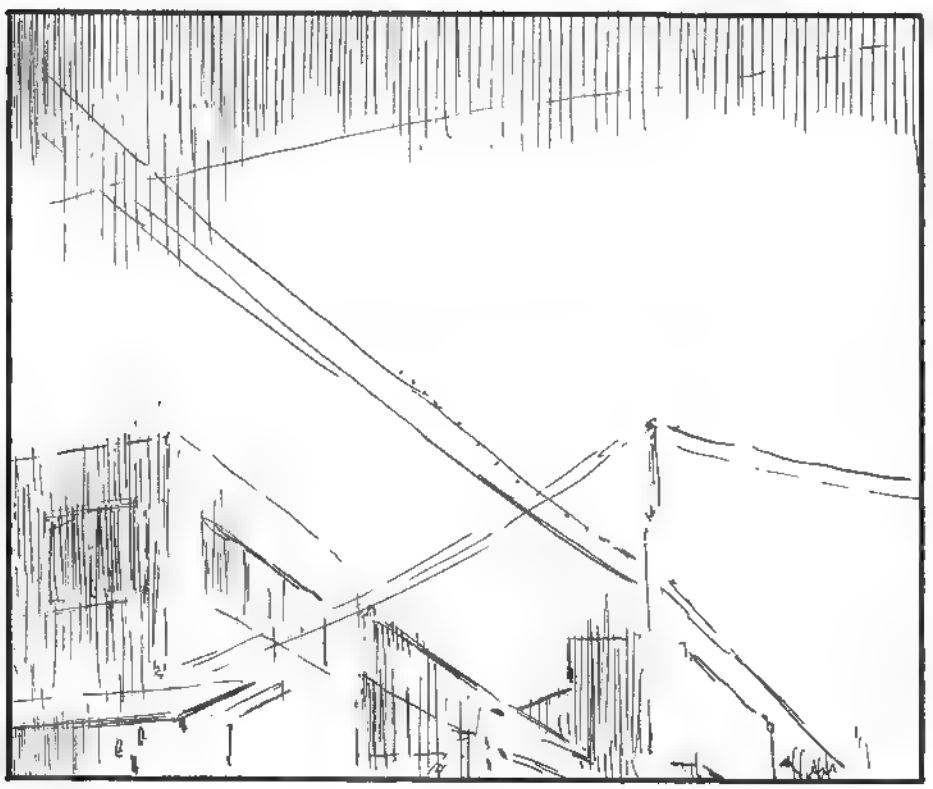
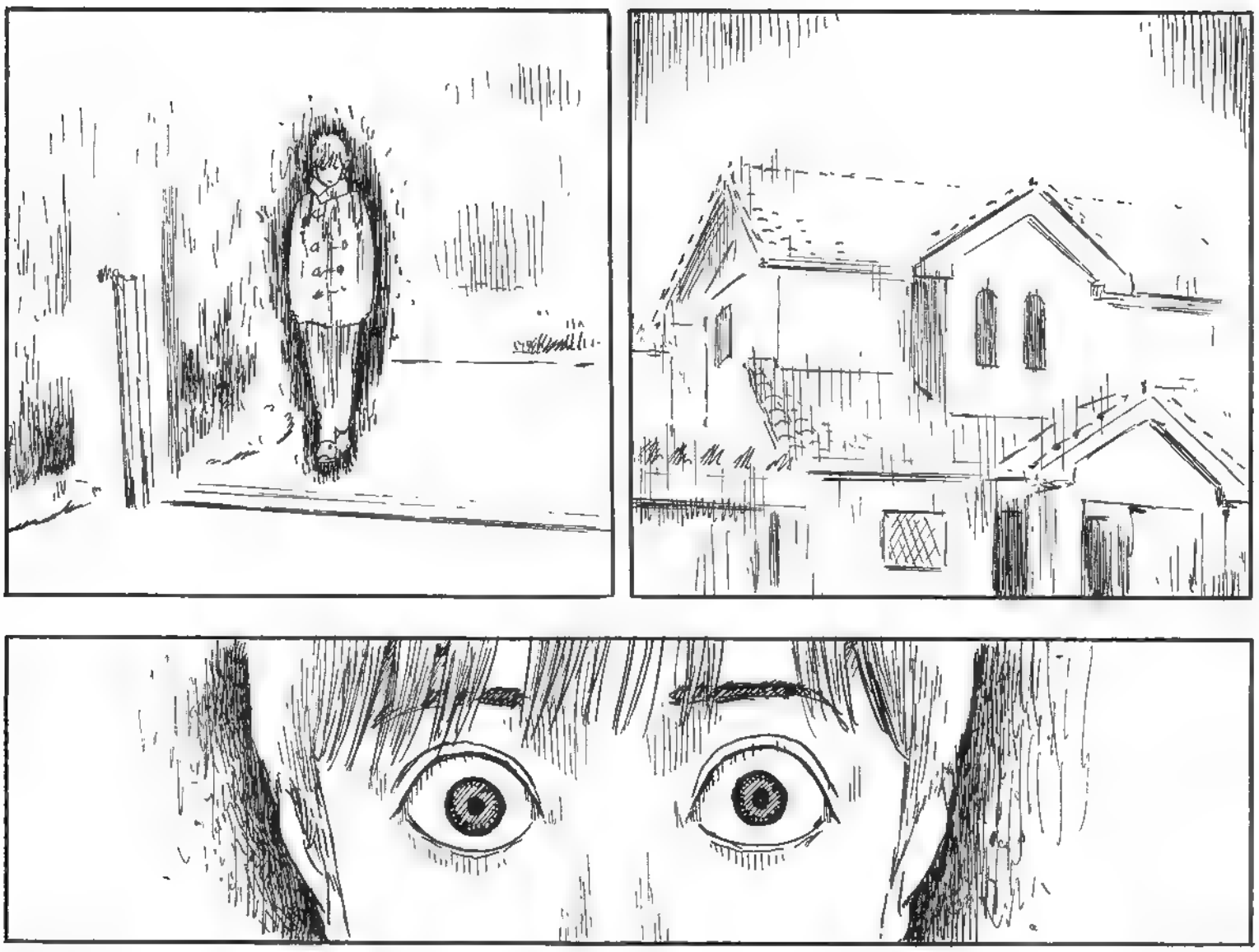
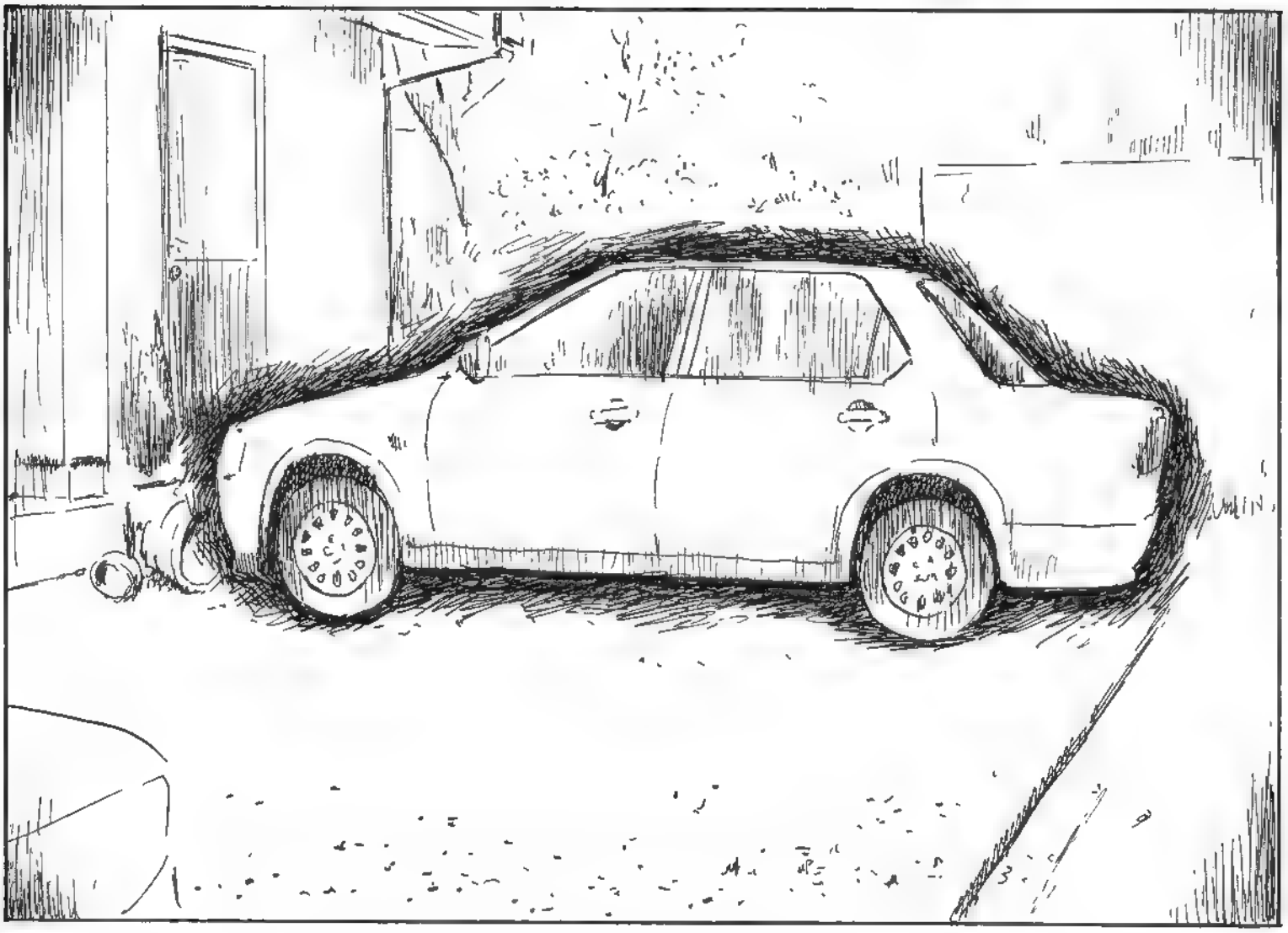


SCRAPE

I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING
SOON
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING
SOMETHING
SOMETHING...





SHK

SHK

KA-

CHAK

TUMP

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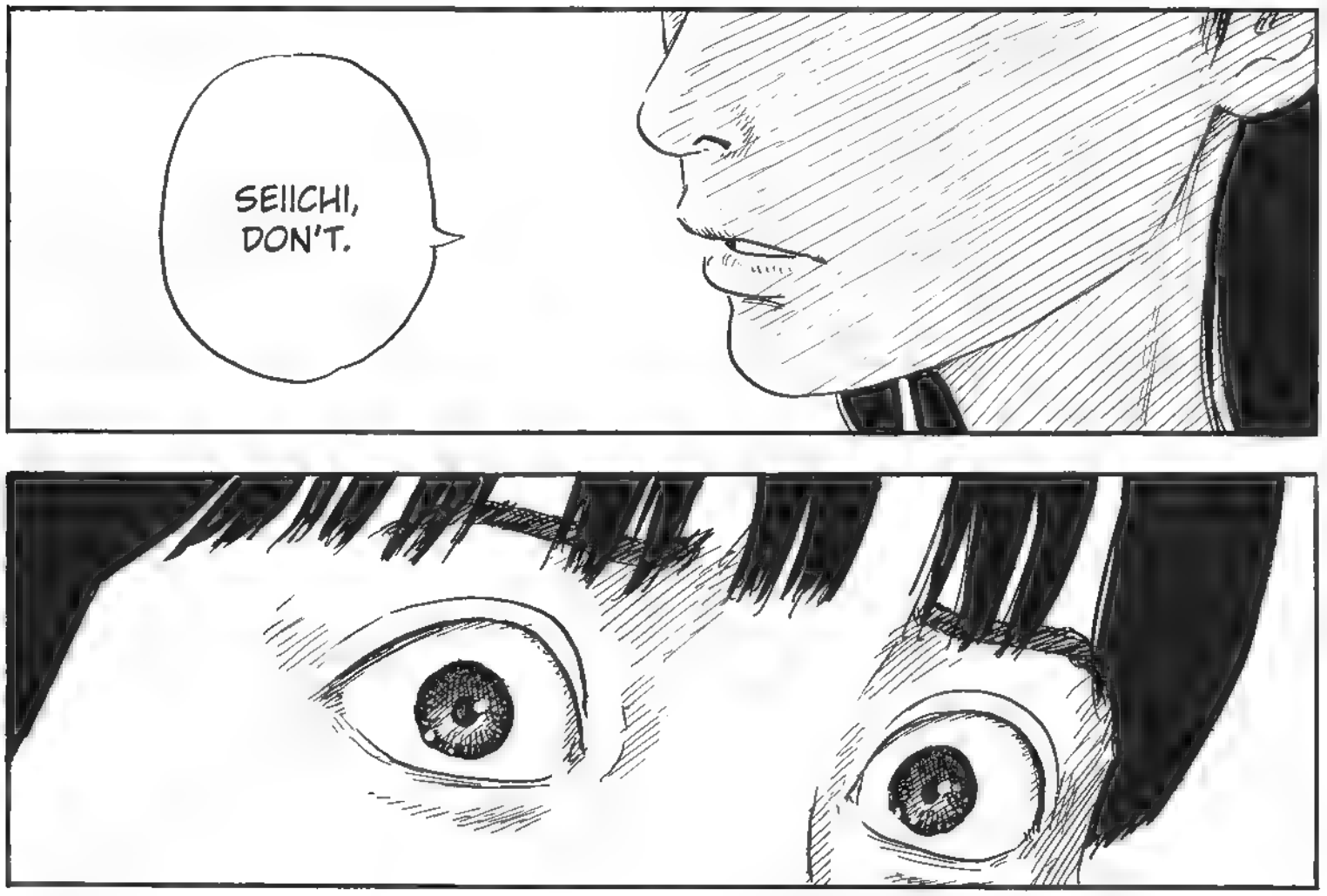
GO UPSTAIRS FOR A—

SEIICHI.

...HEY.

GET OUT !!

GET OUT OF HERE !!!


SEIICHI,
DON'T.

IT...

DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.

GIVE ME AN ANSWER.

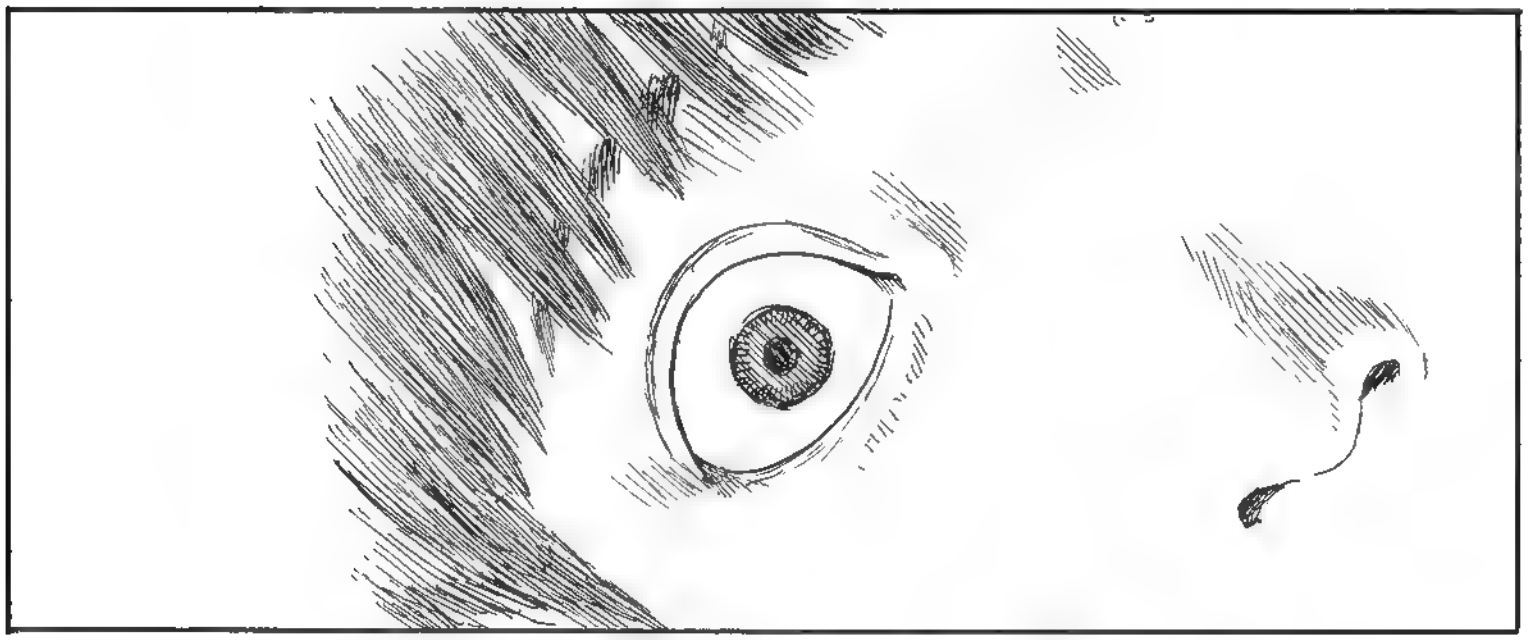
SEIKO.

DID YOU...

ANSWER ME.

DID YOU PUSH SHIGERU OFF THAT CLIFF?

SEIKO?



ICHIRO.

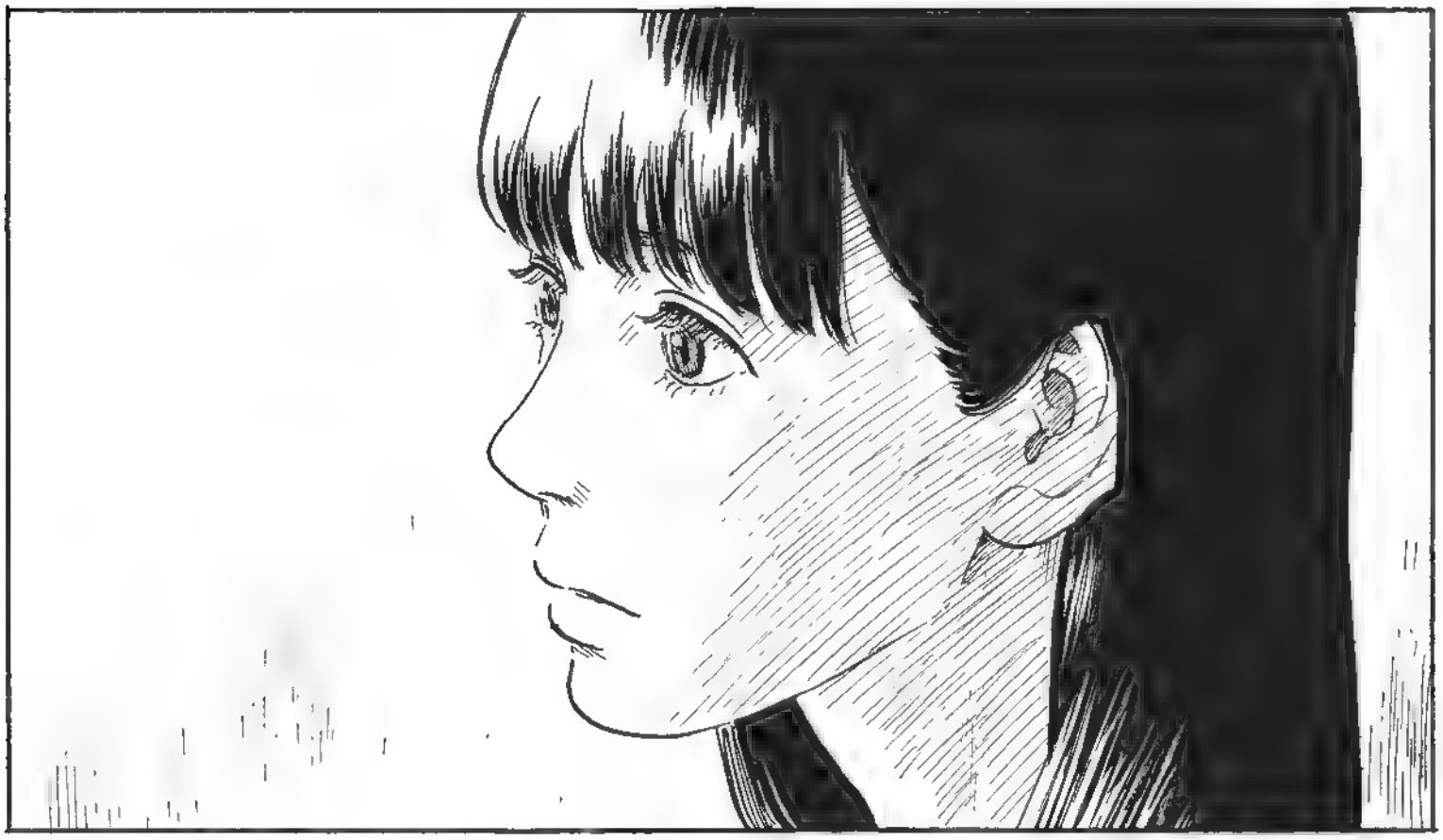
COME ON, THAT'S... CRAZY! I MEAN, WHY WOULD...

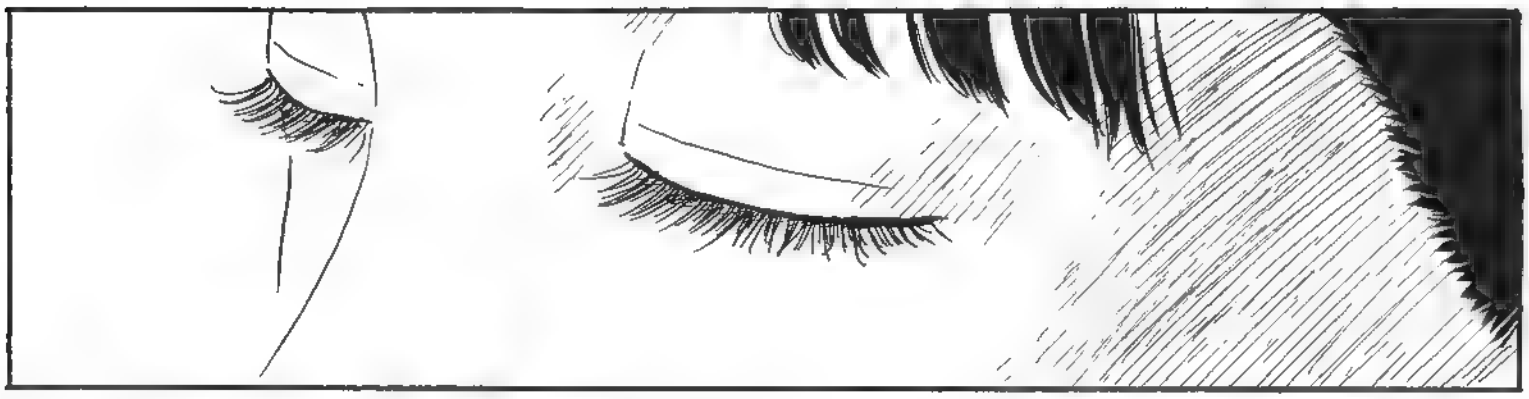
SIS... WAIT A MINUTE!

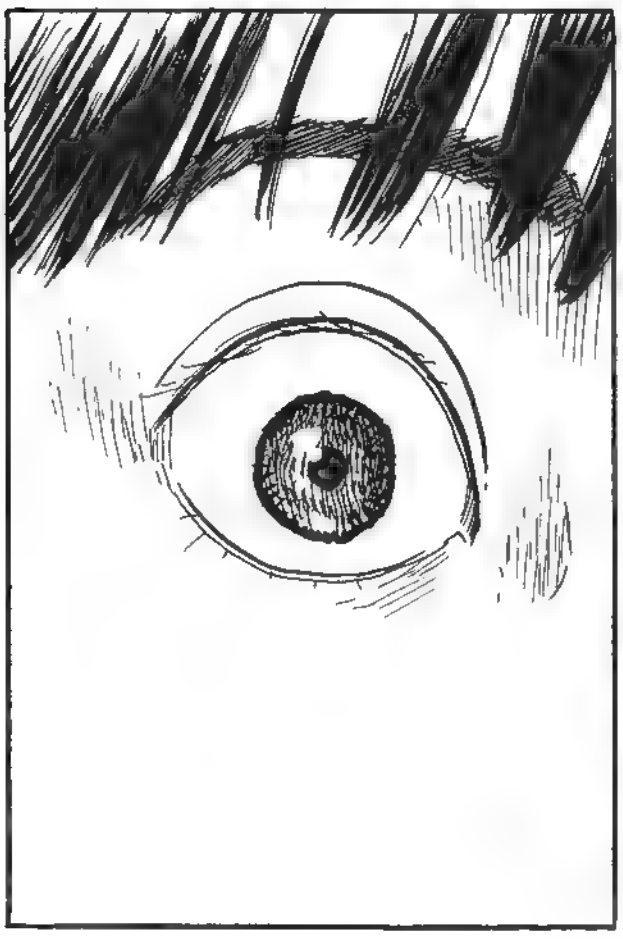
ANSWER ME.

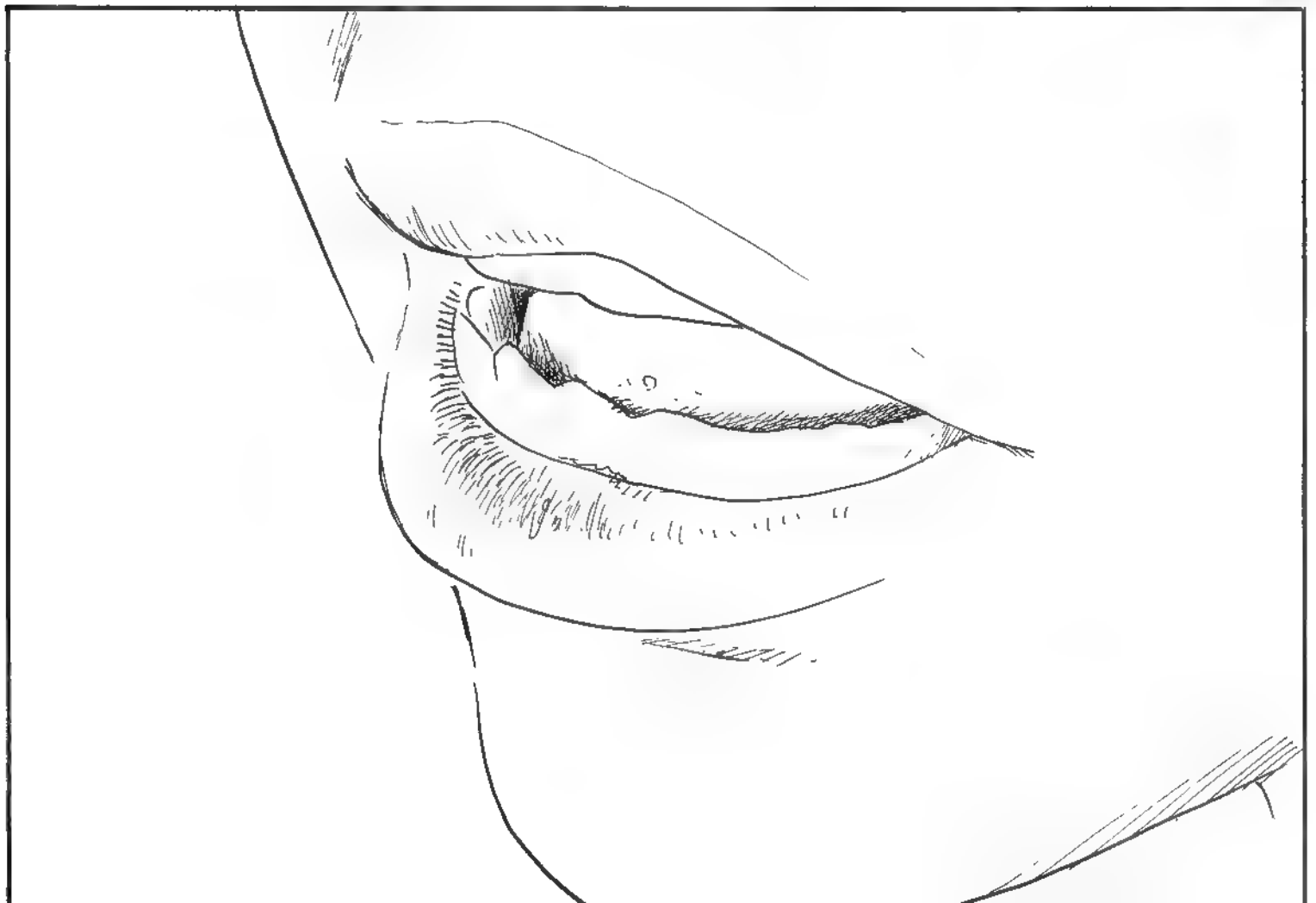
WHY DO YOU THINK WE'RE HERE?

I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT EITHER.









YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

I PUSHED HIM.

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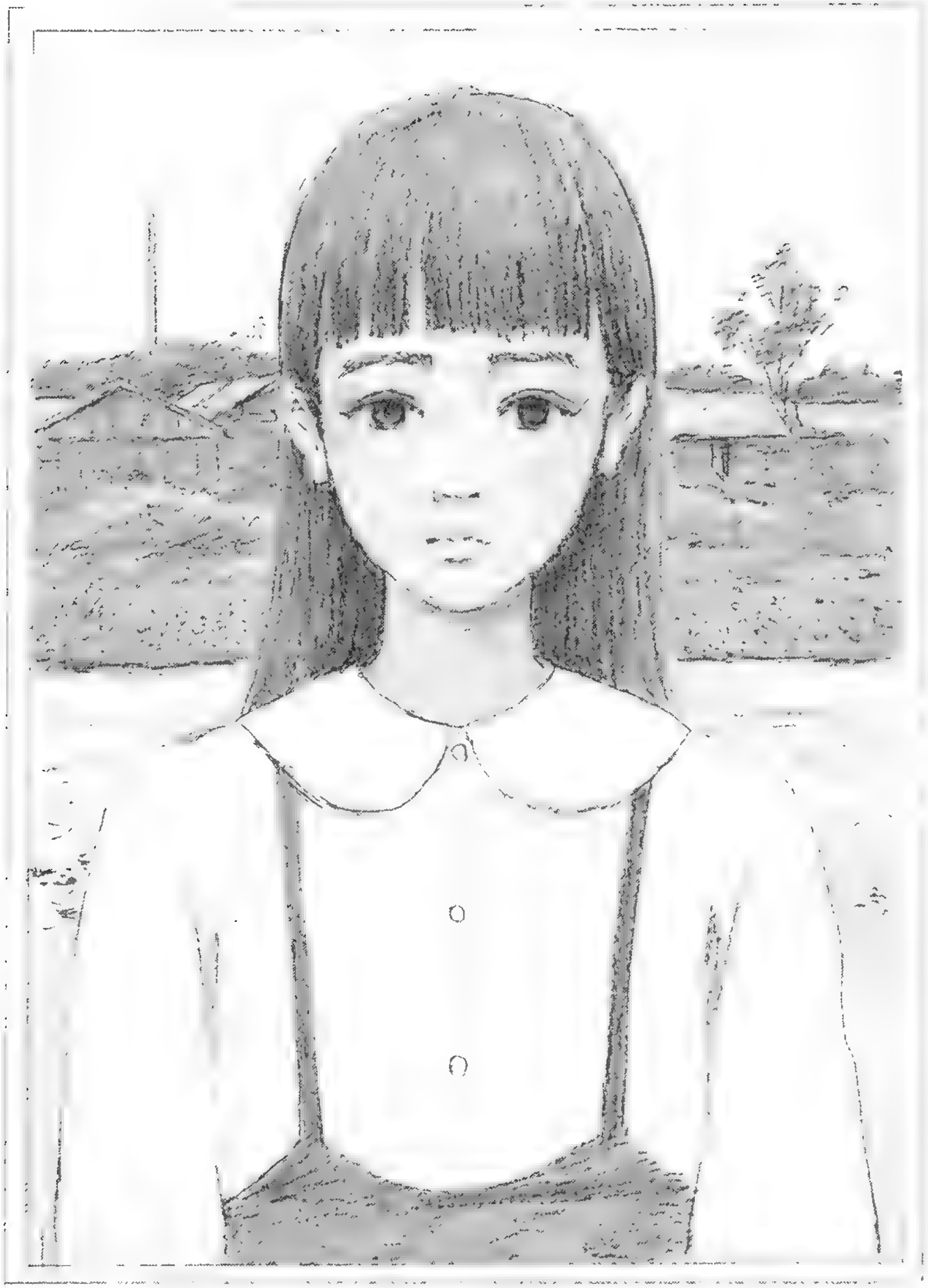

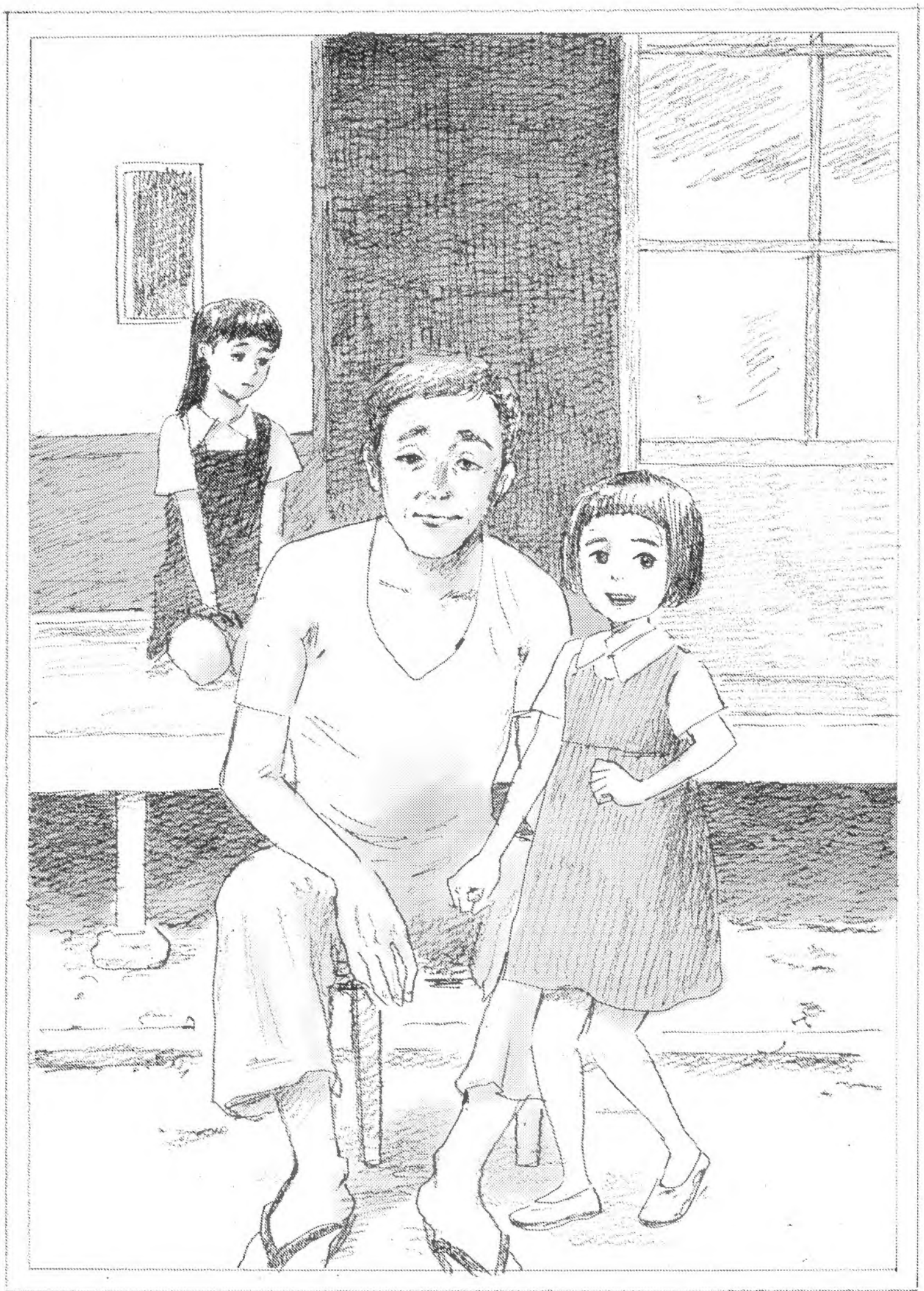

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and before Seiichi's psychic tension erupts into violence!!